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The crowd looks on with enthusiasm as the '99 Homecoming Court is ready to be presented. Students enjoyed the beginning fall football season as it brought new promise for Mars Hill College.



Finding

Danny Peck and his friend chat for a few minutes outside of class. The historical log cabin on campus is an everyday reminder of the school history and evolution. Andy Washburn and Jay Ware vamp a little jazz during the lunch hour for other students to enjoy. Lindsay Cope and John Rakes arm wrestle to measure their toughness scale. Students all over campus found ways to spend their time outside of the classroom. Breaks were an essential part of the daily ritual for some students to keep their sanity.



Mars beginning Hill

Our concept of who we are and what we are comes from memories of past relationships, events, and actions. They forever haunt the present and influence every step we take. It is our memories that are the basis of our knowledge and growth. By reflecting on our past we keep in perspective our present and plan for our future.

The 1999-2000 academic year was no exception. Through trial and error, each of us grew by expanding our minds and feelings, filling our days with memories, both pleasant and painful. Everyone had their moment of glory and defeat; but no matter the outcome, we matured from the experience. Professors, friends, and family all became part of our personal accounts. In years to come we will all remember the beginning times we had at Mars Hill College. -by Jennifer Horton

Blood Drive

The Delta Kappa Theta Blood Drive was a semi annual event for the students of the Mars Hill campus. Students were willing to take time out of their busy schedules to give the gift of life to one in need. It was one of the biggest service projects that the student body as a whole joined forces to complete. Students wanted to give a new meaning to the word "beginning."





Fall Sports

Mars Hill College is one that had its beginnings early on in history around 1856. The founders of the college worked their hardest to make it a quality school that instilled traditional values into its students. This tradition still carries through to today and will be a virtue of Mars Hill until the end of time. Many students began their college education here, while others transferred in due to the well established reputation. Students aimed high for their goals academically, while still allowing time for friends and fun. People of all ages enjoyed coming out to the sporting events at Mars Hill. The excitement of the crowd grew with each win during the season. Sports teams all around did well this year and students looked toward the bright future that was just beginning for some teams.



Fun & Friends



Beth Honeycutt stops for a moment to say "Hello" before heading to choir. Mugs Wilson is caught by the camera after attempting to eat cafeteria food for lunch. Anna and Amilia walk out of Wall relieved after an exhausting chemistry test. Students found friends and fun in class, at lunch, walking "the hill," and in just passing.

Brad Hughes gives the camera the "thumbs up" as he continues his journey on the ropes course. Scholars worked together developing their team working skills in a variety of ways. This year's student body lent a helping hand no matter whether or not it was in studies or relationships. Peers worked alongside one another to better themselves, and prepare for the long road that was ahead.



This is starting Life



Student Life: The irritating buzzing of your alarm clock rattles you awake from what little sleep you got after staying up late to study for a test. Sometimes it wasn't a test, however, but a trip to Waffle House for some much needed food, or a night at an Asheville dance club. Whatever the case may be students all over campus would have rather stayed under the covers, thrown the alarm clock across the room, and vegged out in front of the television all day; but they knew that a good education came first.

Working hard to complete assignments and still spend quality time with friends, students learned how to balance their busy schedules. College was a course in itself called Basic Life Skills 101, in which students learned how to begin life all on their own. *-by Jennifer Horton*

Ways of Life

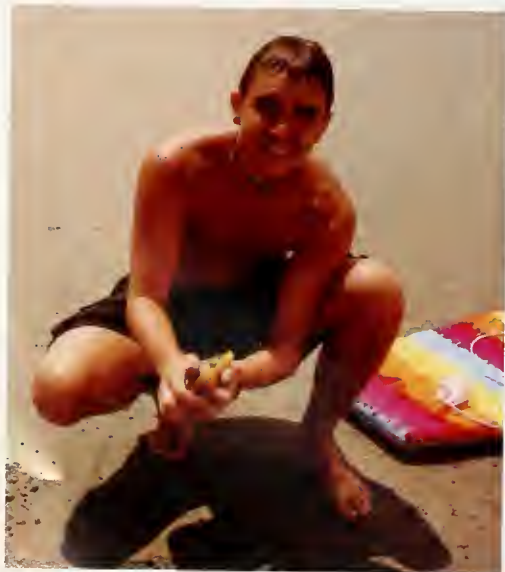
"I wonder if it's edible?" Martha thinks to herself as she sits down for lunch. Jessica is having a blast playing games at FCA. A group of dedicated students look over a question that they believe will be on their PE test. Some students combined food, fun, and studying down to an art form with time to spare, while others worked diligently and questioned "why can't there be more hours in a day." They discovered what the real world was all about.

Summer

New adventures hiking, playing on the beach, summer jobs, and lots of sleep! All these activities are a few of the endless list of things that the summer has available to us. Some of the new adventures include studying in Africa to climbing glaciers in Alaska. A lot more common events included annual family trips to the beach and the long summer jobs in which you count the days down until you can return to the Hill. The summer was and will remain a release from the stresses of long enduring classes. When August rolls around, the excitement of the summer has died down, and most can't wait to get back and share the awesome details of the months gone by, with friends. Summertime, isn't life great? -*Jamie Binde*

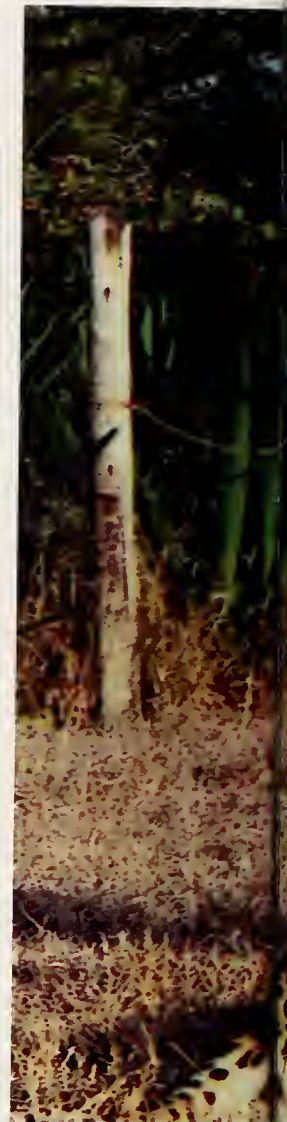
Beach

Jason Binde spends time enjoying the sun while making sand sculptures at Isle of Palms, SC Beach. A majority of students enjoyed vacations to the beach over summer vacation.



History

A trip to the Outer Banks led Terry Kirkland and Jamie Binde to the Wright brothers memorial in Kitty Hawk, NC.



Africa

Amy Panikowski and Shala the cheetah pose for pictures. Amy spent the summer studying in Kenya. Some students enjoyed going overseas for mission trips while others went home for summer jobs.



Alaska

A Cruise to Alaska found Teny Kirkland in the side of a glacier. Some students enjoyed a little adventure compared to the usual beach trip.

Water

Tasha Painter and Leann McCracken cool off in a nearby swimming hole at Paint Rock in the Pisgah National Forest.

Paint

Eric Henry and Austin Lee paint the back steps for many businesses in downtown Mars Hill. Community service was a vital part of life for many students.



“Through the community involvement that I have participated in with the Bonners and Greysons I have become more aware of my surroundings and formed great relationships” -Matt Brookshire



Rocks

Scott McGlone, Jennifer Hill, Mandy Austin, Rachel Cordell, and Christina Rowe gather rocks to mend the fitness trail around campus. The Bonner and Grayson scholars worked together to complete the project.

Mulch

As part of the community service performed for the town of Mars Hill, Jennifer Hoyle and Teresa Reep distribute mulch around parking areas at the campus police station and the flagpoles near the campus entrance.



Service

The 1999 Retreats marked new beginnings for incoming freshmen as well as their returning mentors. The various retreats are a long-standing tradition at MHC, but have previously been separate from each other. This year, the goal of the retreat planners was to bridge that gap. Preparations for the retreats, which were held August 15-19, began this past spring. Mentors and advisors worked to secure housing, meals, and activities.

Bonner, Grayson, Marshbanks, and Stamey scholars attended the service retreats. Bonner scholars worked with Manna Food Bank and AHOPE. The other scholars built walking trails at Ebbs Chapel and Laurel School in Madison county. They also reworked a trail in the Pisgah National Forest. Both groups completed a ropes course to develop team skills, and on the last day of the retreat came together to work in and around the Mars Hill community. The Church Leadership scholars spent much of their time on Bible study and devotion. They worked at the New Directions Farm and spent time with the international students on campus.

The retreats provided participants with ways to begin or continue their service learning careers and time to reflect on their own lives in relationship to the world around them. *-by Jennifer Hoyle*

Rope

While over 200 feet in the air on a ropes course, Amber Ross checked the clasps on her gear before beginning the next phase of her journey. The ropes course provided team skills and enhanced self confidence.

Trail

Matt and Tiffany work to give the walking trail a new look. Scholars were happy to be able to serve a need for fellow students at Mars Hill.



Activities

Homecoming weekend began on Thursday evening with the annual "Lion's Growl" in Mears' Stadium. A large crowd of students and Mars Hill staff gathered to watch the night's proceedings. Around campus. This year's theme was "cruzin' into the New Millennium" and competitors had to come up with original skits for the theme. Many groups chose to look back at the past while others moved toward the present. The M.C.'s for the night were Cedric Alexander and Patrick Wilson. The Gamma sorority stole first place with Sports Jeopardy as the evening ended with fireworks.

Homecoming day was no less exciting. Decorations everywhere, alumni roaming and reminiscing, lots of food, and the homecoming parade. Even the locals turned out to see the parade put on by the students. Floats ranged from water crafts to roller blades, but as far as the judges were concerned, the Biology Club's "Millennium Bug," took first prize. The float was made entirely out of recyclable products, and the club members proudly walked off with the victory. -by Christine Eleazer

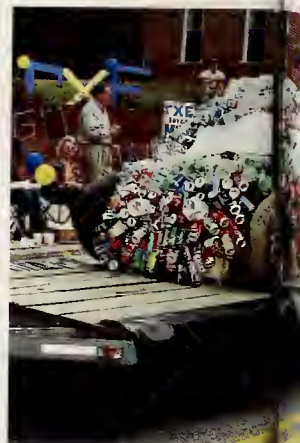
Food

Student's and parents all came out for the food that was offered. Real southern home cookin' was one of the benefits of homecoming day.



Rock

Dr. Bob Knox proudly accepts the winning "rock" from the Tusculum Pioneers. The lion's walked away victorious with a 34 to 7 win.



Float

LOD rides by in their float portraying their skit that won them second place at the Lion's Growl. Creativity was a key to winning the events of homecoming.



Bug

Rolling along with a new "Millennium Bug" the Biology Club won first place for floats. After the parade they took it to the recycling center.

Band

The Marching Lions warm up before leading the parade through campus. The band set the beat for the following floats.

Clogging

The Baily Mountain Cloggers captivate both students and parents with their energetic performance. As usual the cloggers were one of the most memorable events of Parent's Weekend.



Music

Showing off for parents and friends, the MHC band livens up halftime at the football game. The band played a key role in keeping the players and audience pumped up.

Animals

The sheep at the Lunsford Festival gaze inquiringly at all of the activity. The festival was a fun addition to the weekend helping others to learn more about the culture in the mountains.





Parents

Parent's Day resulted in more smiling faces around campus as some students and parents were reunited for the first time since August. Arriving parents came stocked with food, supplies, and money to hit nearby stores and the mall. Meeting teachers, going to seminars, and eating in the cafeteria were some of the activities parents were able to enjoy.

Aside from all of the activities and entertainment of the Lunsford Festival, Parent's Day gave the students and parents the opportunity to catch up on each other's lives. As the day came to a close many families traveled to Asheville while other students looked on longingly wishing that their parents could have come. No matter what the situation parent's Day left students looking forward to time with their families over fall break, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. *-by Brandy Sayles*



Dad

Drawing a large crowd, Brian Staggs father plays the fiddle on the Quad. Parents had the opportunity to shine while learning more about their child's college life.

Family

Taking a short break from all of the activity Mandy Austin, Tara Stockman and Mandy's younger sisters pose for a picture on Parent's Day. Parent's Day was Devoted to spending time with family and friends.

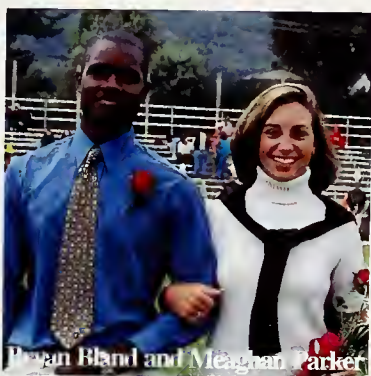




Dr. Max Lennon and Mandy Luke



Lamar Parish and Erin Cooley



Bryan Bland and Meaghan Parker



Karl Benz and Eydie Pittman

Courtly Airs

Excitement ran high as students, faculty, and alumni waited in the stands to see who would receive the honor of being the last MHC homecoming king and queen of the millennium. When the buzzer announced half time, the homecoming court was presented. Representing the freshmen class were Erin Cooley and Lamar Parish. Sophomore representatives were meaghan Parker and Bryan Bland. Eydie Pittman and Tennyson Rucker represented the junior class. The candidates for king and queen were chosen from the senior class. The candidates were Sylvonne Cox, Jennifer Flint, Kelli Herndon, Llanie Ranzer, Cedric Alexander, Judd Jones, Adam Nelson, and CJ Wilson.

Finally, the moment arrived to announce the winners..."Congratulations to Cedric Alexander and Kelli Herndon the 1999 Mars Hill Homecoming king and queen." -Jennifer Hoyle

Parade

Part of the Homecoming Court rides on a prestigious float in the parade. The electing of the court was a long time tradition at the school.

Crown

Kelli Herndon is given a congratulatory hug by President Lennon. The crowning was a long awaited event during the homecoming football game.

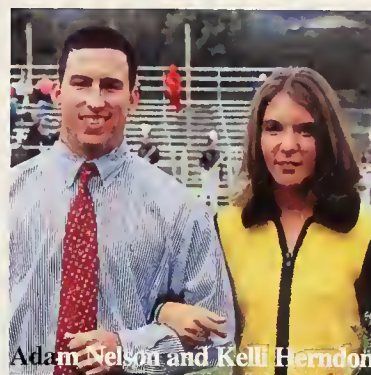
Carriage

The non-senior court members relax in a horse drawn carriage. A carriage ride was a nice change from the ordinary float.

Awards

Cedric Alexander and Kelli Herndon pose for their picture after they are announced the new 99' Homecoming King and Queen. The winner was always picked from four senior males and females.





Adam Nelson and Kelli Herndon



CJ Wilson and Llanie Ranzer



Jude Jones and Jennifer Flint



Cedric Alexander and Sylvonne Cox

Fitness

Sports training, body building, or fear of the "freshmen fifteen"... there were many different motives that prompted students to spend hundreds of their free-time hours in Taylor Fitness Center.

Students trying to lose weight or just stay in shape made use of the treadmills and various stairmachines. Taylor Fitness Center offered students a choice of several different machines for high- or low-impact cardiovascular workouts. For those students focused on body building or sports training, the Fitness Center provided a large selection of free weights and weight machines.

There were also those who preferred the fresh air outdoors. Many students and members of the Mars Hill community, as well, found the track at Mear's Stadium to be a good place to burn calories. There were those who strolled casually in the evenings, some who ran laps faithfully everyday, and others who found the endurance to run the stadium stairs.

In the gym or on the track, and whatever their reasons, students exercised all year long, helping to keep MHC physically fit. *-by Jennifer Doyle*

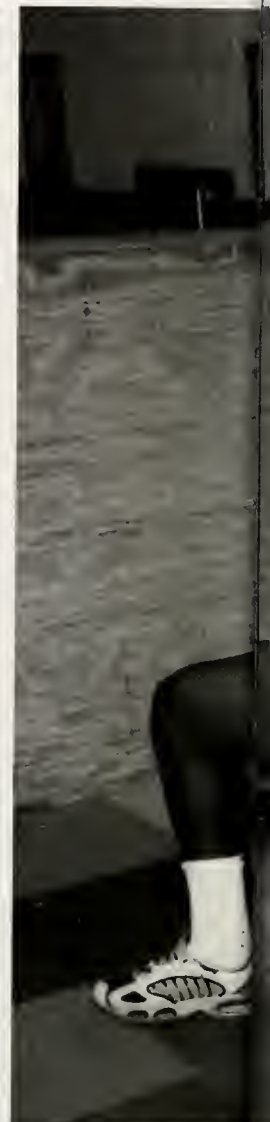
Calfs

Marissa Shelton works out her calf and thigh muscles with the leg push. All different machienes were used to help students work all of their muscle groups.



Arms

Bodybuilding was another popular reason for students to frequent the gym. Freshman Jay Towland does lat pull-downs to shape his back.



Bench

While Arnold Celeste benches 350 pounds, Thomas Littlejohn spots to help out if needed. Students were always willing to take turns and spot for one another.



Basketball

Basketball was one of the sports that required use of the Fitness Center. Senior Matt Gissing uses the leg press as coaches record his score.

Unwinding

Students went to the gym to take a break from stressful classes. Mugs Wilson was one student who used it regularly.

Chapel & Green Cards

Mars Hill College was and still is a school full of faith and love. This is shown on campus and in chapel. Chapel was a time for students, faculty, and guests to meet and join in worship of the Lord. Some came for the service in hopes of growing closer to God while others would make themselves come for those desperately needed green cards.

Everyone had an incentive to be there whether it be for green cards or the service itself, but for whatever reason students came to chapel they all left with something to help them through times at Mars Hill.

Faith is present in the souls of the students and love is present in the hearts of the students, thanks to fellowship and guidance of the time at chapel, the closeness from fellow classmates, and God. *-by Terry Kirkland*

Theather

Theather students Lori Jenkins, Katie O'neil, and Jennifer Ammons enjoy the weather outside. Theather performances were a great way to get green cards.

Speech

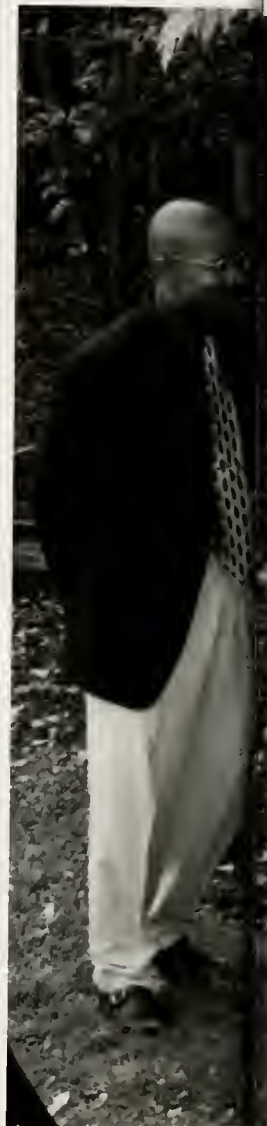
Jeremy Pressley gives students another chance for a green card at the freshman Convocation.

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Founder

President Max Lennon is seen here on Founder's Day presenting an award to honor Joe Anderson's family.



Decoration

Students line up to decorate Joe Anderson's grave for Founder's Day.

Bells

The Mars Hill Hand Bell Choir plays for a full chapel service.

Winter

When it comes to the winter season at Mars Hill College, students can't help but hope and pray for snow to cancel some classes. This winter was a harsh one where many students weren't able to move their cars for at least a week at a time, but the wonderful hills of on campus got in more use than the roads with sledding competitions and snowball fights. Injuries were a concern for a few students due to the icy walk ways but classes were still going on.

Even though winter brought snowy weather, it also brought thoughts of the Winter Formal. Students dressed their best and headed out for a night on the town with their favorite someone or a group of friends. Real food was on order with a side of fun to go. The dance was a hit and gave students a much needed break from all of the studying. *-by Jennifer Horton*

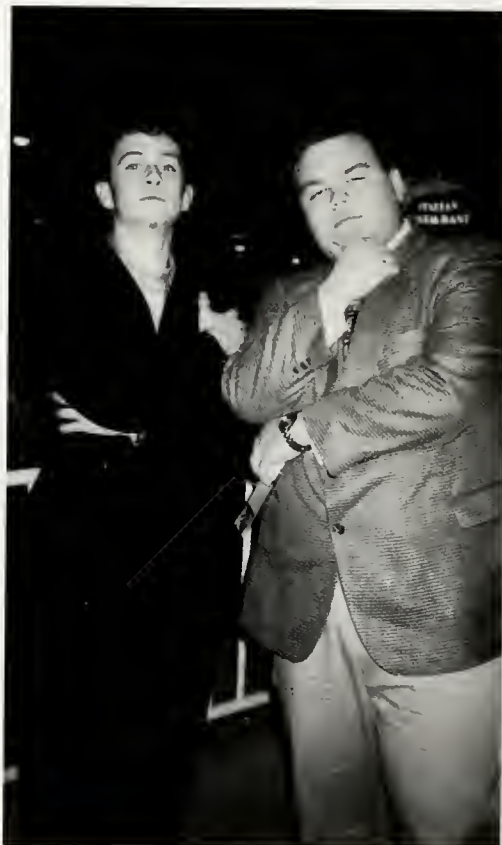
Sledding

Sometimes sledding would take a little more skill than expected. This student tries to keep his balance as his spins around backwards on Gibson Hill.



GQ

"Yes we're men, MANLY MEN! Wer're men in..." well, suits. Dressed in their best, Joe and Chip strike their best GQ pose in front of the Olive Garden while waiting on a table.



Food

Where there is a formal, food is never far behind. Here Tommy and Eric with their dates enjoy pasta from the Olive Garden. Olive Garden was one of the most popular restaurants for Mars Hill students before the formal.



Race

College Students are never too old for a little sledding competition. This student uses a blowup chair for his means of snow transportation.

Bonding

Five members of the Gamma sorority take a break from the Formal action for some "sisterly bonding."

Weekends

What to do? Where to go? Who to see? These are a few of the questions students think about when Friday rolls around. Weekend events included football, cross country, soccer, volleyball, baseball, and other sporting events, dances, other social events in the Loft, and of course the many trips to Asheville and "Wever Vegas." Concerts were attended, students let loose at local fairs, and the ever so popular Waffel House Run made almost weekly by many of the Mars Hill population. Many students participated in outdoor activities such as camping, hiking, treks on mountain bikes, trips to the Parkway, and adventures at Wolf Laurel. Students always anticipated the weekends bringing a chance for many to let their hair down and catch up with studies. For the lucky ones that live near school, the trip home to see loved ones, hang out with old friends, sleep in their own bed, and have homecooked meals made for a good weekend. For others, some made road trips to places for shopping, entertainment, or just to get away from the hustle of college life. No matter how students spent their weekends, they always knew there was going to be another after a long week in class. -by Jamie Bindie & Terry Kirkland

Snow

When the snow came many students spent their weekends sledding, making snow angels, and having snowball fights.



Water

These athletes on the basketball team are seen taking a water break outside. Some students had to practice or play games on the weekends and didn't have a chance to enjoy much relaxation.



Rafting

Where there's a will there's a way. These students were determined to finish traveling these rapids despite the odds. River rafting was a relaxing and different way to spend the weekend.



Games

These students enjoy a friendly game of fuzball in the Loft. The loft was not only a great place for dances but also for fuzball and a game of pool

Sitting

"Just sittin' here tryin' to find myself..." these students enjoy a few tunes on a sunny day while waiting for their comrades to journey to Asheville.

Stretch

Bryan makes sure that everyone does a thorough warm up before exercising. Stretching is important as to not pull any muscles.



Arms Up

Mary keeps her arms in front of her while staying on her toes. Staying agile and aware was a key point in technique. Students went to the kickboxing class for fun as well as a good work out.

The Newest Craze On Campus



Stay on your Toes

While shifting their weight back and forth on their toes the class works up a sweat. Even members of the community would come to participate in the evening exercise.

The newest craze on the Mars Hill Campus began last year and took full effect this past year...what is it you ask?

Kickboxing. It is offered as a voluntary exercise class twice a week taught by the student Bryan Bland. Bryan is highly certified in the Martial arts and other defensive techniques. He wanted to be able to share his expertise with others so he began to have the class. The class offers a rigorous exercise routine along with self defense training. One student Amy Panikowski said, "This is the hardest workout I've ever had but it was well worth my time." As many say at Mars Hill, "Make this college what YOU want it to be, get involved." - *by Jennifer Horton*













Emily Makinson sits in Mr. Hughes's class diligently taking notes. However, sometimes note taking became an art form. In certain classes the pages would fill with doodlings. It wasn't that students didn't enjoy their class, it was the simple fact that not getting enough sleep would take its toll after the lunch hour.



This is growing Knowledge



Academics: Tests, projects, and papers make up the major part of life at Mars Hill- that of academics. Dreams of a well off future by having a good job, were what inspired many to attend school. However, there were some that just came because learning was what they enjoyed and knowledge what they sought after. Students could be found many different places on campus typing up papers, working out math problems, and sometimes cramming right before a test. No matter why the individual came to Mars Hill College, each student was presented with the best education possible. *-by Jennifer Horton*

All Knowing

"How in the world will this ever apply to my major? I wish this class would get out early," thinks Mary Kim Cumming to herself, while outside Genniene is reading the last few pages of her assignment before English class. Then over in Peterson Conference Center in Blackwell Hall, some students are writing letters. No matter where you went, there were students in the academic process of learning.



Core Classes

Choices??? As many students began to sign up for classes at Mars Hill for the first time, they were surprised to find that there were several core classes that they were required to take. When freshmen heard they would be in GE-111 they did not know what to expect. Some were pleasantly surprised. "I liked that class!" exclaimed Holly Carringer. Other core classes, such as PE, Humanities, and AMT, gave students an opportunity to explore different areas of study and to meet different teachers and fellow students. All in all core classes weren't that bad. According to Jennifer Arnette, "Core classes are the easiest ones you will ever take." -by Brandy Doe

"Core classes are the easiest ones you'll ever take."

-Jennifer Arnette





Students in chemistry gather socially around the table to complete a lab. Labs made core classes more enjoyable and gave students the opportunity to be better acquainted with their classmates.

Quick...who was Kofka again? Jason Howard, Emily Makinson, Jane Doe and Michael Grove make last minute preparations for their World Lit mid-term. Mid-terms were necessary evils in many classes.

Chad Allegra stares at the computer while doing some Internet research. Learning the basic skills of computer efficiency was a goal of some core classes.

And the Emmy goes to...Alisha and Arlene Honeycutt take a break from conventional book learning to role play in their GE-111 class. GE soon became a favorite class because of its relaxed atmosphere.



Destined music majors pay careful attention to the selected music in their aural skills class. Core classes for music majors went above and beyond regular core classes.

Test time is just 15 minutes away! By studying diligently, Jane Doe proves that a college student must be self-disciplined. Study skills and time management were emphasized by several core classes.



What did you say? Kevin Brooks, Dwayne Doe and Mike Holton enter a discussion of the quality of Coke and french fries while relaxing in the Lion's Den.



Wanna bite? Some food is just too good to keep to yourself! Jaime Binde offers to share her pita sandwich at the Greek Festival in Asheville.

The Main Street Deli offered a tasty reprieve from "school food." Wendy Lansrehr and Adam Nelson stop in for a refreshing milkshake before heading to class.



Mrs. Charlotte Norton offers a smile to each customer who enters the College Street Ice Cream shop. Her world class grilled cheese sandwiches and ice cream treats were favorites among students.

The last word...Brad Hughes says one last thing before Amy Smialowicz leaves. The Caf was a popular place to meet up with friends to discuss the day's events.



Eva Hartman puts the finishing touches on her lunch in the Lion's Den. When students could not wait in the lines that often formed in the dining hall, the next best place was the snack bar for a quick bite between classes.





Survival Gear

"Life is a highway," as the saying goes, and college is a large part of it. As with any long trip, there are several items the student must have, if he or she expects to survive. The first is a steady supply of food.

"There wasn't any tater in the tater tots."

The most frequented establishment was the Pitman Dining Hall, as known as "the Caf." There, students found a place to fellowship and relax while dining on, if not gourmet, at least *edible* food. An alternative had to be found during the times when there was no tater in the tater tots, the caf was closed, and people began to have nightmares about cheeseburgers

and crinkle cut fries. In such dire moments, students were rescued by the Trattoria in the Lion's Den or by Ms. Charlotte Norton in the College Street Ice Cream and Soda Shop on the front porch of Spillman Hall. It was not possible, however, to stop the craving for "real food" attacking the students of Mars Hill. Waffle House and Denny's became favorite hangouts any time of the day or night. Frequent trips to Ingle's and Pizza Roma also took students off campus in search of food. Personal refrigerators and microwaves were hot items this year. All things considered, students made due with what they had in order to survive.



Computers

Crusin into the millennium, technology takes a distinguished and important role. Over the last century, computers have become more portable, but yet faster and more user-friendly. With the growing of the "virtual world," information is just a few clicks away. Since almost anyone from anywhere on Earth is connected through the internet, a global community is created.

**"Computers make
my life easier."**
Allison Thomas

As Mars Hill College realizes the importance of a good computer network with fast internet access for students, many old computers have been replaced on campus over summer. From English research papers to some Biology homework, students are required to make good use of the internet. Therefore, basic computer skills are essential for students.

By-Andrew Li



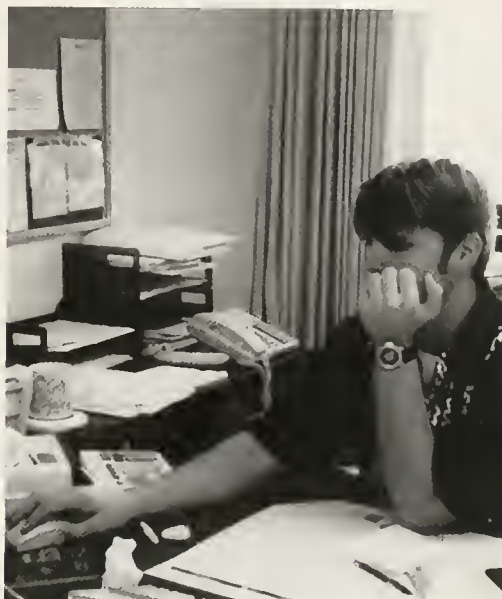
Computers are widely used in classes. As seen in this CS class picture, it is possible for each student to occupy a computer

In order to make her paper clean and tidy, Mio Asaka is seen using a computer to type in the email lab.



At Mars Hill, computer network is used as a database of student records. A business office staff is doing her job on a computer

Besides doing homework, using computer at spare time such as to chat is a good way to relax.



As part of the work study, Jim is using a computer to do research.

Ms. Linda Schmick, a staff person of Mars Hill College is using her computer to input data.



On the far right of the page, Amy and Sharron break out the books to study for Math 111.

Corby and Austin find time to hang out together during the hustle and bustle of college.

Jenny, Linda, Heather, and McKelle batter with one another to relieve stress.

Below, Kyle and another student study in the downstairs library, one of the quietest places on campus.



Above, Ben Hodge finds time to take a cat nap between his busy schedule.

Students spend time flexing thir muscles in the weight room.





Beyond

Control

So, some things are beyond your control, but when it comes to teachers, classes, and friends; you have a choice. What does this exactly mean? "I have more independence and responsibility in college," said Mindy

Richardson.

**"I have more
independence and
responsibility"**
Mindy Richardson

Yes, college is more responsibility. One can decide who the cool teachers are and you take full responsibility to make sure that you take all of the classes you need in order to graduate. You

pick the time, teacher, and day. All students are required to take specific classes and pressure becomes more and more intense as time for graduation nears and things can go "out of control." Procrastinators can tell you that papers and projects put off until the week of, and in some cases the night before, sometimes backfire- so students take a little time for themselves and regroup.

Students have many decisions to make that affect their future careers. They decide when to do homework (if at all), attend green card events (or not), and socialize (no exceptions). To end this wonderful beyond control, but yet controllable part of "the college experience" remember to plan and get involved. -by Mandy Harrington



Study

Habits

Study habits for some consist of listening in class and remembering every detail, while for others they consist of vigorous notetaking and rigorous study every other day until the test, while even others spent time taking down a few ideas in shorthand and put off study until the night before when it comes down to the wire. Whatever the habit of study, students worked hard to accomplish their goals toward a good education.

"Core classes are the easiest ones you'll ever take."

-Jennifer Arnette

Late night humanities studying, an afternoon in the library going over math problems, research for that English project or paper, or even the occasional all nighter were a noticeable part of the lives of Mars Hill College students. Teachers gave assignment after assignment and students worked their hardest to keep up with all of the stress compiled with extra curricular activities. No matter where you were you could always find someone stressing over a test or project that was due, but students did their best to come out on top. -by Jennifer Horton



These students in the Education department work hard to finish up a group project that has to be presented in a few minutes.

Students found the library to be a good place for quiet study time if a roommate wasn't on the same agenda.

Below, Travis works on an english paper.



Students take time out of studying for final exams to register for their classes next semester.



Above, two student work on perfecting their presentations.

This student works on her math problems by an open window in Wall.



Tessa Shelton gets caught laughing. Smiles were common on the Mars Hill Campus as new people came in and the old graduated, there was always someone there to show you the ropes. Tessa, a senior, enjoyed her last semester and was involved in a number of activities and gave a smile every day to any one who needed it.



This is budding Friendship



People: Snowball fights in the parking lots, helping each other study for a big test, crying on a shoulder, someone to talk to, or just a smiling face and a comforting hug—friends are always there. People impact our lives in many different ways, especially our friends and professors. Professors are there to help us grow academically, but at Mars Hill they were also there to help students grow emotionally and spiritually. Friends were there to pick up the broken pieces after a hard day and there to go out and have a good time with too. These relationships are the ones that will last through the years and will be the connector when we each go our separate ways in the near future. No matter how far we travel to begin our lives as college graduates, people will always be there impacting our lives. *-by Jennifer Horton*

Many Faces

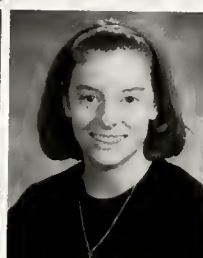
"I have just enough time to get some food before class starts" Trevor thinks to himself as he approaches Wall Math and Science building. Kelli and Eddie pose for a picture together before the homecoming parade. Maraldo catches the flash of the camera just in time to see his picture being taken during his work study hour. On campus there was always a friendly face.

Freshmen

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Michelle Anderson
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Alex Ashton



Ray Bailey
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Amy Barcafer
Marc Beasley
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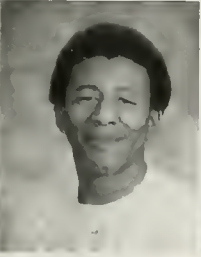




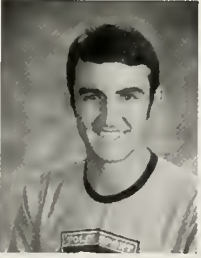
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Tywan Cansler
Stephanie Caulder
Doug Chester
Emily Chryst
Catherine Connely



Craig Cook
Erin Cooley
Brendan Crim
Lara Crook
Chris Davis



Michael Dunlap
Tiffany Eddy
Lori Edwards
Marta Edwards
Christine Eleazer



Gretchen England
Erika Everett
Beth Fasnacht
Wesley Gribble
Rob Griffin

Michelle Griffin
Jennifer Hall
Amy Hanes
Amanda Harrington
Deanna Hinson



Karl Hinterhort
Kedren Houchard
Laura Humphreys
Tiffany Ivy
Miki Ishikawa



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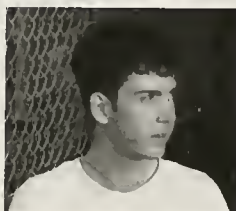


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Crystal McMillan
Brittney Nelms
Abigail Newman



Anthony Nichols
Matthew Oglesby
Sean Patrick
Joe Ponder
Liz Pruett





John Rakes
David Reece
Teresa Reep
Amanda Richardson
Mindy Richardson



David Riddle
James Riley
Josh Robbins
Jenny Roberts
Wendy Roberts



Kristen Robinson
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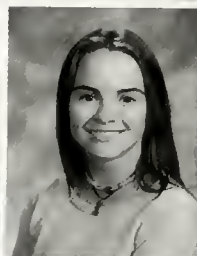
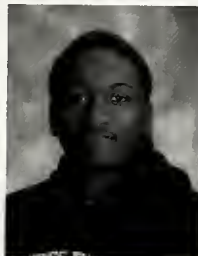
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 Heather Smith



Ruthie Taflinger
 Leah Thornburg
 Sandie Trantham
 Frankie Ubelacker
 Matthew Vuncannan



Aaron Williams
 Rachel Wingo
 Amanda Woodward
 Markeise Wright



Sophomores



Aaron Annas
Mandy Austin
Bryan Bland
Brandon Bryson
Julie Buckner



Deirdra Burton
Megan Campbell
Mathew Cannon
Jennifer Coggins
Chuck Cook



Lindsey Cope
Jennifer Crowder
Mary Kim Cumming
Aarika Cupp
Heather Cyre



Amanda Davis
Brian Dawson
Dawn Dextraze
Marshay Deyton
Angela Dolezal



Amanda Dukes
Tiffany Elkins
Noah Fraser
Anna Goodman
Jennifer Hashagen



Kimberly Hocking
Benton Hodge
Kelly Holdway
Jennifer Hoots
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Jason Howard
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Wendi Langrehr
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Andrew Hin-wan Li
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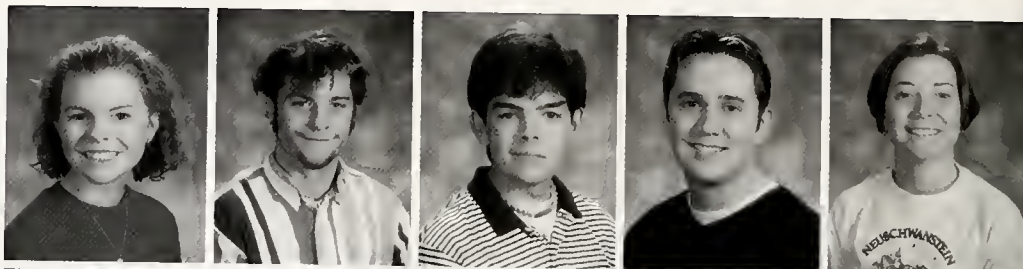


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Nikki O'Neal



Patrick Parkhurst
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Charles Ray
John Reed
Jonathan Robinson
Julie Robinson



Andrea Rockel
Dionne Rusin
Drew Stables
Linda Stanfield
Shawn Stephens



Tara Stockman
Ayaka Takahashi
Kazumi Takeuchi
Martha Taylor
Bethany Teem



Matthew Thien
Tiffany Thomas
Allison Thomas
Amy Toulli
Heather Tourtellotte



Brent Townsend
Angela Turner
McKelle Ulm
Yvonne Vaughan
Shawn Watson



Rachel Wiles
Laura Wilson
Crystal Woodyard
Nithena Young



Juniors



Khalid Abdullah
Jennifer Arnette
Guerline Baptiste
Nancy Becker
Karl Benz

Nancy Beutler
Amy Black
Tim Bridges
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Mark Clifford
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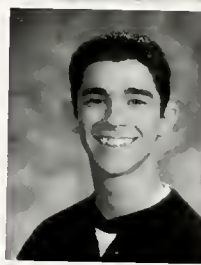
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Leslie Gordon
April Greene



Michael Grove
Mary Hebert
Selena Hilemon-
Williams
Tommy Hilemon-
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Beth Honeycutt



Brad Hughes
Kade Kawaguchi
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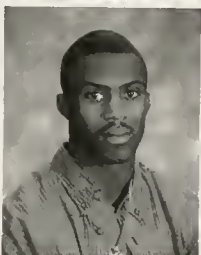
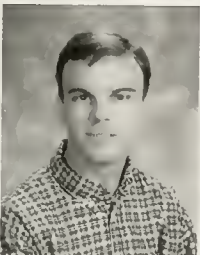


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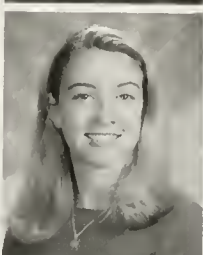




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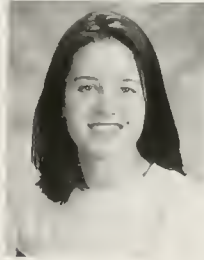
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Amy Smith
Emily Sowers
Stephanie Sprouse
Amanda Stroup




Tara Thomas
Reisha Tounzen
Levar Twitty
Bryce Vial
Anna Williams



Krista Williams

Class Of 2000 Seniors



Here sits George
relaxing before band
class. Seniors enjoyed
every spare moment
that they could trying
not to stress and
enjoying tome with
close friends.

58 People



Jennifer Anderson



John Arnold



Brian Bailey



Jennifer Bailey



Lesley Bentzel



Jamie Binde



Ronnie Bowen



William Boyd



Amy Brock



Nathan Caparolis



Ryan Carter



Jeremy Cochran



Cynthia Codrington



Phillip Cole



Justin Combs



Sylvonne Cox



Jessa Decker



Nora Dillman



Holly Drake



Chad Dula



Jennifer Freeze



Shina Fukui



Christopher Fuller



Arlinda Gentry



Brandy Harwell



Phillip Heppding



Kelli Herndon



Courtney Hoffmeyer



Mayu Hikuchi



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Jason Koon



Gary Duvall



Joy Emanuel



Jennifer Hint



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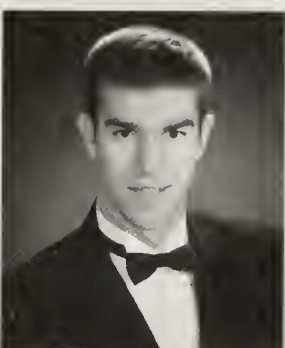
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Michael Holton



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Anthony Jasick



Melissa Jasick



Amy Lequire



Heather Levering



Katherine Lipsey



Crystal Maney



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Julie McEntyre



Melanie Mintz



Shawn Pyfrom



Kellie Ramsey



Blanie Ranzer



Cheryl Renfro



Courtini Scott



Michael Scrip



Tessa Shelton



Tamara Smart



Jennifer Stewart



Amanda Thien



Corey Thomas



Dewayne Thomas



Teresa Nelson



Asuka Ogawa



Dalila Perez



Jeremy Pressley



Richard Risk



Tonya Roberts



Kelly Sampson



Kevin Schmick



Eric Smith



Shelby Sorrells



Chad Sparks



Latisha Stelle



Rebecca Thomas



Emily Van Dyke



Lindsay Varnadoe



Laura Warner



Monyell Watkins



Amanda Webb



Chadwick Whitley



Matthew Whitson



Patricia Williams



Joy Williams



Jason Williamson



Charles Wilson



Jermaine Wilson



Rexann Wood



Richard Woodruff



Dave Young

Class Of
2000



Edwin Zapala







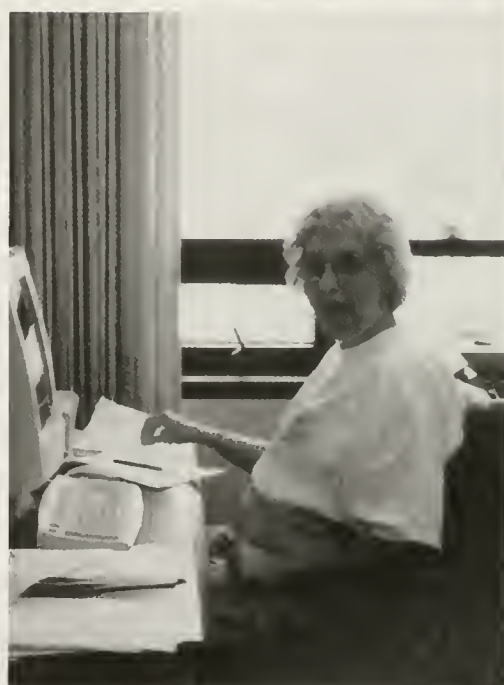
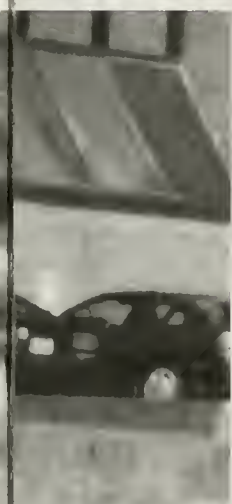
Faculty and Staff





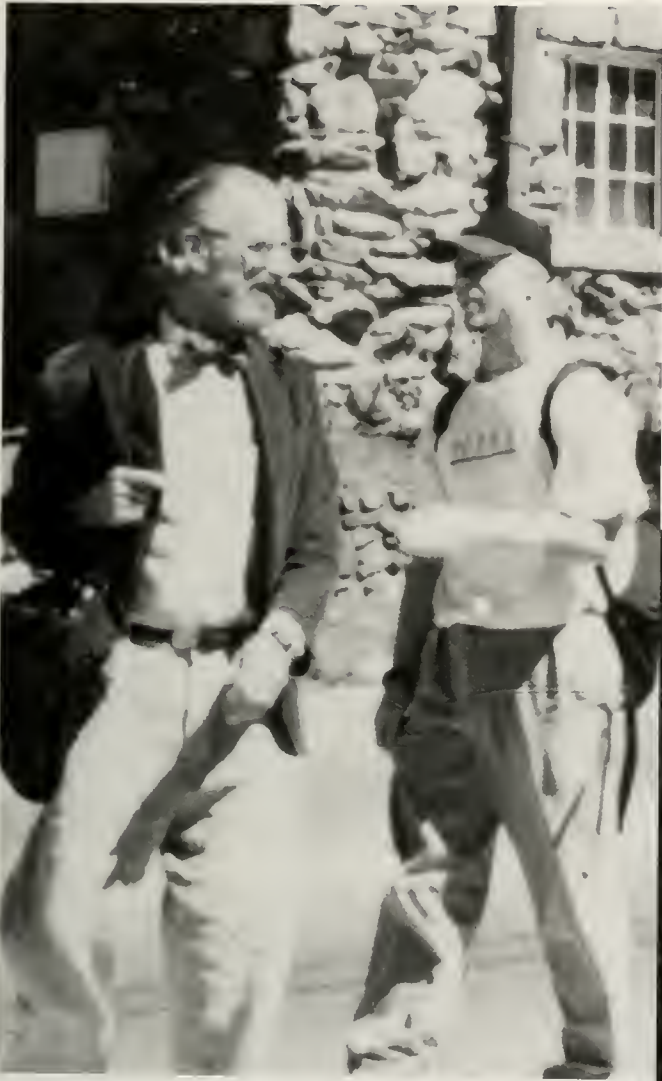


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The Before

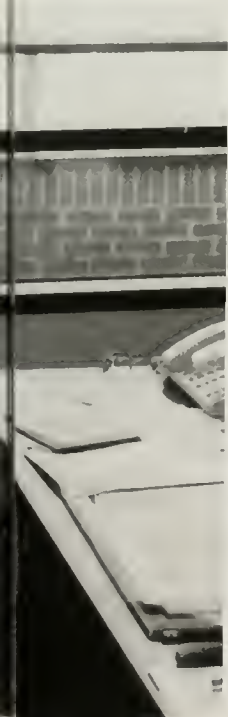
The After













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ΔΚΘ shows off their fancy float during the homecoming parade through the middle of Downtown Mars Hill. Many organizations built floats to celebrate "Crusin' into the Millennium." Groups with every interest from bugs in Biology to beats in Band. There was something for everyone.



This is beginning new friends



Floats with Friends

Gamma Girls, CSM, and the Biology club show off their school spirit through their homecoming floats. Students participated in organizations for many different reasons but one of the best was to meet new people and make new friends with similar interests.

Organizations: Someone once said, "I've learned that work enjoyed is as much fun as leisure." This could be applied to the clubs and organizations on campus. There was truly something for each and every person. The clubs expanded the minds of each individual that participated and made college life more enjoyable all around. Even though outside normal class activities took up time it was well worth the friendships made by students who participated. Organizations worked hard to make Mars Hill a better place for students to come to school. *-by Jennifer Horton*

Student Government Association and Campus Activities Board



Matt Cannon and Andrea Rockel listen carefully to a speaker at an SGA meeting. Each campus organization elects a delegate to attend the meetings. The meetings are also open to the entire student body.

1999-2000 Campus Activities Board: Faculty Director Russ Froman; Student Director Llanie Ranzer; Board Member Patrick Wilson, CJ Wilson, TJ Farmer, Brad Hughes, Kelly Holdway, Yvonne Vaughn, BH Hunt, Cedric Alexander, Heather Poteat, and Eric Palmer.

The SGA and CAB are two very powerful and influential groups on campus. The SGA was founded in 1963 by MHC students. Each student is a member of SGA, and the college encourages students to use it as a "voice to the faculty, administration, and those outside the academic community," (1999-2000 MHC Catalog and Handbook, page 65). The SGA is organized into the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches. Each year, a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer are elected to serve the student body.

The Campus Activities Board is responsible for social activities and entertainment brought to campus. Under the CAB, various committees plan, publicize, and implement exciting activities for all students. Involvement in the SGA and CAB is an excellent opportunity for students to voice their opinions and suggestions for the school.



Golden Pride



The Golden Pride group was established to help boost the spirits of the football players by decorating their locker rooms and the gym hallways before home games. The faculty director is Tim Clifton and Llanie Ranzer serves as student director. Other Golden Pride members include Jessica Nadal, Nikki O'Neal, Daniel Shrider, and Chris Waller.



do I hear a second for the motion? The SGA secretary takes down all the information that is discussed at meetings. The secretary is responsible for publishing the minutes so that each student is aware of SGA happenings.

OK what next? The members of the Campus Activities Board meet frequently to plan events for students. The CAB is responsible for many of the dances, guest artists, and other activities that make life at MHC more interesting.

Harambee Gospel Choir

Lifting their hearts and voices to the Lord, the members of the Harambee Gospel Choir give a moving performance in Chapel. The choir is part of the Christian Student Movement.

Chapel concerts are just one of the places where the music of the choir can be heard. The choir also gave a holiday concert in December at the Christmas Party in the Wren Student Union.



Alpha Chi

Alpha Chi is a national society that recognizes scholarship. Dr. Greg Clemmons serves as advisor for the MHC chapter of Alpha Chi. The 1999-2000 members included LeAnne McCracken, Heidi Allison, Amy Black, Beth Honeycutt, Selena Williams, Eydie Pittman, Karen Tarkenton, Christian Koterski, Brian Dawson, Brad Hughes, Mary Herbert, Amy Smialowicz, and Tasha Painter.



International Club

There are over twenty different countries represented from around the world at Mars Hill College. The students in the International Club organize and host the International Festival held each spring. The festival combines food, music, art, culture, and customs from all over the world. The purpose of the club is to provide opportunities for international and American students to interact and exchange views as well as cultures. The program also supports increased global awareness at the college.



Music to my ears! Members of the International Club come together to share a bit of the music from their native countries.



Coming to a foreign country as an exchange student can be a difficult decision. The International Club provides support for these students and gives them opportunities to socialize outside the school environment.

Business Honor Club

The Business Honor Club was established to provide support and opportunities for students majoring in business related fields. The members of the club were led by their advisor, Professor Joe Blair, as well as the Dean of the School of Business and Community science, Dr. Grainger Caudle. Officers for the 1999-2000 school year were: President - Kelli Herndon; Vice President - Philip Heppding; Secretary - Shannon Kominowski; and Treasurer - Che Curry.

Business Club members Kelli Herndon and Richard Woodruff and advisor Mr. Joe Blair admire the Christmas tree. In December, the BHC decorated Marshbanks Hall for the holidays.



Mr. Joe Blair, accounting and business administration professor provided guidance and leadership for the Business Honor Club in his role as advisor this year.

The 1999-2000 Business Honor Club; Mr. Joe Blair, Mircea Matei, Ricardo Baeno, Shannon Kominowski, Philip Heppding, Kelli Herndon, Che Curry, and Dr. Grainger Caudle.



Scott McGlone and his fellow DKT members ride the float that they decorated for the homecoming parade. Homecoming activities are big events for all campus organizations.

Delta Kappa Theta

Delta Kappa Theta is a local, social fraternity at Mars Hill College dedicated to community service. DKT was founded in 1971 and was originally a chapter of the national fraternity Pi Kappa Phi. DKT is known around the campus and community for their commitment to service. Each year DKT sponsors blood drives for the American Red Cross, and participates in the annual Hoops for Hopes, Open Rush week and various other service and social activities with other organizations.



Go Lions! DKT members Brian Dawson and Brad Hughes, along with their other brothers, show their school spirit at a home football game.

DKT and another fraternity teamed up in their efforts on a homecoming parade float. Brad Hughes and Matt Cannon seem to be looking for some friendly faces in the crowd.

Theta Chi

The rival game between MHC and Western Carolina University was an event not to be missed. Several members of the Theta Chi made the trip to show their support for the Lions.



All Aboard! The guys of Theta Chi loaded up a truck and trailer for the homecoming parade. They rewarded enthusiastic crowd members with different types of candy.

Theta Chi members gather for a group picture in the Blue Lounge before the Spring Rush activities begin. Dressing in their best attire attracts many potential pledges.





Living in a townhouse is one of the perks of belonging to a fraternity or sorority. Theta Chi has clearly made their mark on their own townhouse.



Hey look over there! Something very interesting outside the Wall Science Building must have caught the attention of the Theta Chi men.

Congratulations! Junior Adam Nelson gives Theta Chi's new sweetheart, Rachel Wiles, a hug and flowers during halftime of the annual "Sloppy Bowl."

Smile! These three Phi Mu Alpha members pose for the camera after a concert.



What were those last few words? Members gather in an apartment for an informal meeting to plan and discuss future performances.



Cheers! These three guys stop to celebrate a successful performance with a few rounds of iced tea. Singing definitely makes you work up a thirst!



Phi Mu Alpha

Phi Mu Alpha is a fraternity for young men with majors or minors in music. Throughout the year, especially at Christmas and Valentine's Day, their music can be heard all over campus as they serenade someone. Phi Mu Alpha had several successful concerts and performances. This fraternity is both rivaled and complemented by Delta Omicron, which is an international music organization. Each Phi Mu Alpha member is dedicated to perfecting their musical knowledge and skills.

Being part of an organization expands friendships and allows members to become acquainted with others who share their interests. Here, several members of Phi Mu Alpha relax together before a meeting.

These young men were the 1999-2000 members of Phi Mu Alpha.



Delta Phi Zeta

Delta Phi Zeta is a sorority dedicated to serving Mars Hill College and the surrounding community. The members are always smiling and full of excitement, and they value their times together. The sorority participates in the open rush activities, homecoming activities, and the Greek Goddess contest, which is an annual fundraiser sponsored by all campus Greek organizations.



"Take a Ride with Delta Phi" was the theme for this year's homecoming float. The float was decorated in Delta Phi Zeta's colors green and yellow.



Group members Morgen Jones, Erika Lunsford, Monica Hickey, Mary Kim Cumming, Jennifer Flint, Jennifer Hill and Leah Bonner gather for a picture at the Spring 2000 Open Rush.



Sisters Jennifer Hill, Jennifer Flint, Morgen Jones, and Monica Hickey prepare for the Spring 2000 Rush Week activities in the lobby of Stroup Dorn.



Senior Erika Lunsford served as Delta Phi Zeta president for the 1999-2000 year. Her guidance and leadership will be missed after graduation.

Delta Phi Zeta members Jennifer Flint and Jennifer Hill take a breather from the hectic activities during the pledge season.

DZ sisters Candace McElreath and Emily Sowers pose for a picture in the Loft after the Greek Goddess contest. The contest is sponsored by campus fraternities as a fundraiser for local charities.



"DZ is number one!" shouts one sorority member from her perch on the homecoming float.



Emily Sowers, LeAnne McCracken, and Tasha Painter gather in the Timberline before heading out for a formal Delta Zeta activity.



Delta Zeta

Delta Zeta is a national sorority that gives true meaning to the word "sisterhood." These ladies represent class and sophistication, leadership on campus, and overall diversity. Their service and philanthropy is for the hearing impaired. DZ contributes money raised from the "Greek God" contest and the "Dance-A-Thon" to this cause. When something needs to be done, Delta Zeta is called and everyone has fun!



Arika Cupp and other DZ members brave the cool weather on the Saturday of homecoming. Their ship float was an integral part of their theme "Cruisin' Into the Millennium."

Trick or Treat! The ladies of Delta Zeta put on their wildest costumes to have a little Halloween fun!



Sigma Alpha Chi

Sigma Alpha Chi is a service and social sorority formed at Mars Hill College in 1965. The group is the oldest sorority on campus. Even though their activities require much time and hard work, they enabled the sisters to have fun while making a difference in the community. The memories and friendships created through involvement in Sigma will remain with these young ladies forever.



What's the next line? Jessica Nadal and her sisters have some fun on the weekend by singing some of their favorite tunes. Karaoke was a fun activity that brought Sigma members even closer.

At the 1999 Homecoming Alumni Tea, Sigma Alpha Chi sisters, past and present, gathered for a group shot before joining the other activities.





Sigma girls Leigh Andra Short and Wendy Arthur smile for the camera before joining their other sisters in the homecoming parade.



Look who just "Got Millenniumed!" Sigma sisters wave at the crowd as they ride in their float in the homecoming parade.

Getting off campus for social activities helps relieve tension and stress caused by classes and homework. These five Sigma Alpha Chi sisters take in all the sites at the WNC State Fair.

We need a break! Gamma girls Teresa Nelson, Rachel Wiles, and Angela Dolezal, who are also RA's, prepare for the Study Break Fiesta in Stroup Dorm.



These four Gamma sisters proudly carry the sorority's banner in the 1999 homecoming parade. The theme for their float was "Cruisin' Into the Millennium Gamma Style!"



Always loyal MHC fans, Gamma sisters Sharon Thompson, Kelly Holdway, Teresa Nelson, Jennifer Marshal, Angela Dolezal, Brittney Helms, and Stephanie Milner cheer on the Lions at a home game.



Gamma Chi Epsilon



Gamma Chi Epsilon prides itself on being a diverse group of strong young women who come together for a common purpose. The purpose is to improve themselves and the world around them through their various activities and service projects. Each year they participate in IXA's Homelessness Awareness Sleepout, as well as other projects both on and off the college campus.

The Timberline offers a good place for group meetings. Here, Gamma girls Ashley Jackson, Lana Bagwell, Jessica Shelton, Michelle Griffin, Kelli Matthews, Teresa Nelson, and Christin McClure take a break from planning activities for a group hug.

For Rush 2000, the Gamma crowd and their canine companion sport army fatigues in honor of their slogan "Be All You Can Be in Gamma Chi Epsilon!"



Iota Chi Alpha

IXA stands for Iota Chi Alpha, which means "Jesus Christ First." The sorority's goal is to promote the spiritual and intellectual growth of all members, as well as that of the college and Mars Hill community. Some of the community service projects in which IXA participates are the "Reach Out" for Homelessness Awareness, painting houses, and being involved in local church services. Their mottos are "Unique yet Unified" and "Sisters Who Pray Together Stay Together."



I'm Flying! IXA sisters Linda Stanfield, Anna Odom, and Wendi Langrehr show their enthusiasm from high atop the sorority's homecoming parade float.



Members of Iota Chi Alpha pose for a picture in front of one of the houses they painted as a community service project. Volunteer work is an important part of sisterhood for these girls.

IXA sisters Kelly Price, Jolene Freeman, Chrissy Parker, Anna Odom, and Anna Miller share a little "girl talk" and agree that there's nothing better than sisterhood!



The sorority's colors are red and yellow. The IXA seal contains those colors, as well as other symbols - the cross, dove, and heart - that are meaningful to the group.



IXA members Chrissy Parker, Anna Miller, Anna Odom, and Amy Black take a break from preparing their float for the homecoming parade.



Mrs. Gail Sawyer and her husband Tom opened their homes and their hearts to the newly formed group. It was under Mrs. Sawyer's supervision that the organization was reestablished after an extended break.



Cruising into the New Millennium Alien Style! The Ladies of Distinction, along with the school mascot Cosmo, wave their "weapons" before lining up for the homecoming parade.



Guerline Baptiste, Patricia Williams, and Tatyana Simon show off for the camera at a group social meeting.



Ladies of Distinction

The Ladies of Distinction organization was first established at MHC in 1989 in order to unite African American females. The group was reestablished in 1998 under Mrs. Gail Sawyer's supervision, who now acts as the club's advisor. The goal now is to unite all females on campus. The group's mascot is the tiger, their colors are black and gold, and their flower is the Hibiscus. Officers for the 1999-2000 year were Tatyana Simon - President; Nithena Young - Vice President; Erika Everett - Secretary; Andrea Abney - Treasurer; Tiffany Ivy - Historian; and Cynthia Codrington - Parliamentarian.

Tiffany, Guerline, Patricia and Cynthia take a break from working on their homecoming float. Homecoming was a good opportunity to let others know about the various organizations that Mars Hill College has to offer.

The 1999-2000 Ladies of Distinction Members: Mrs. Gail Sawyer Advisor, Tatyana Simon, Nithena Young, Erika Everett, Andrea Abney, Tiffany Ivy, Tiffany McCormick, Patricia Williams, Cynthia Codrington, Sylvonne Cox, Guerline Baptiste, Kim Hocking, Carol Lanford, Leticia Lee, Allison Erickson, Ayaka Takahashi, and Yuka Nadai.



Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Fellowship of Christian Athletes, commonly known as FCA, is a widely popular group on campus. This large yet close-knit group welcomes and involves all students from freshmen to seniors, as well as athletes and non-athletes alike. The FCA holds weekly meetings where students have the opportunity to worship together, sing songs of praise, and discuss the events and happenings in their lives. FCA provides a time for students to come together with a common love and understanding of God.



OK - let's do this on the count of three - hey, get your elbow out of my side! A group of FCA members struggle to untangle themselves in an activity that promotes teamwork and communication skills.

FCA is one of the most popular organizations on campus. Each week dozens of students come together to socialize and to praise God





Allison Thomas and Chrissy Parker chase Andrew Kirk (dressed as Vanilla Ice) onto the football field as part of the FCA/CSM homecoming skit. The group's theme for the 1999 homecoming activities was "Welcome to the New Millennium."



Joyful music can be heard at each FCA meeting. Music and singing allows members to worship and offer praise as a group.

Lindsey Cope is a talented musician who often acts as both the music leader and the band for many FCA meetings.

Jason Koon goes solo, playing several of his own songs during a CSM praise and worship time.



Trey Baine and Ben Pack lead the praise and worship service through music at a weekly CSM meeting.



Karen Tarkenton and Wendi Langrehr keep an eye on the baked goodies that were part of the CMS promotion of Operation Christmas Child.



Christian Student Movement

The Christian Student Movement is a student led organization whose purpose is to glorify God's name on campus. CSM's purpose statement comes from Matthew 16:24-25 "Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone desires to come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.'" CSM has many ministries on campus, including the Harambee chorus, NBS, mission work, Journey Teams, and weekly worship meetings in the Mars Hill movie theater.

Members of the CSM and FCA sail down the street in their ark, which served as their float in the homecoming parade.

Several CSM members brave the weather and the outdoors for a chance to worship and fellowship with each other on a weekend camping retreat.



New Beginning Singers

The New Beginning Singers is a musically talented group, with about 16 members from all classes. The group performs in area churches, and also sings for churches in the eastern part of the state. NBS can also be found participating in many campus events. Each summer the members go on a mission trip. One members says, "We each come from different backgrounds and different areas, but our main goal is to lift up God's name through music, drama and testimony. We love what we do and feel privileged that God has given us this opportunity."



Worship services are held each Tuesday morning in Broyhill Chapel. Students are encouraged to participate actively in Chapel, and groups like NBS make doing so a very real, very touching experience.

New Beginning Singers: Row 1 Chrissy Parker, Linda Stanfield, Dawn Dextraze, Jenny Norris, Mary Herbert, Selena Williams. Row 2 Heather Cyre, Allison Thomas, Karen Tarkenton, John Rakes, Beth Honeycutt, Patrick Parkhurst, Andrew Li, Amy Smialowicz, Ben Hodge, Jennifer Horton, and Anna Goodman.





Aaron Annas lifts his voice in song during Chapel. As a member of NBS, students have the opportunity to perform solo and with the group.



Working closely with others provides good opportunities to form friendships. Dawn Dextra and Patrick Parkhurst enjoy the memories they have shared as being a part of NBS.

Mary Herbert and Beth Honeycutt concentrate on their parts for a dramatization presented by NBS in Chapel.

These musicians, part of the symphonic band, keep an eye on their music while also carefully watching the conductor. After hours of practice, the Chapel performance went smoothly.



We have to sell how much candy? Melissa Boyd and Rachel Yarborough keep watch over the selling table. Fundraisers were very helpful in paying expenses for choir tours.



The trumpet ensemble poses for a picture after a Chapel performance. These musicians, who are also part of the symphonic band, often performed with only trumpets.



Choir and Symphonic Band

The Mars Hill College Choir continues its tradition of musical excellence. The singers perform extensively on campus - in Chapel services and in concerts. They also tour during each semester. Each member would agree that the hard work and practice that gives MHC's music program its great reputation is worth the effort.

The Mars Hill College Symphonic Band is also a part of the college's musical realm. The symphonic band includes the jazz band, percussion ensemble, wind symphony, trumpet ensemble, and many others. Many hours are spent in the practice rooms in Moore. Although the band is composed mainly of music majors and minors, there are opportunities for other students to be a part of the band.

The MHC choir can be seen in formal attire at every major college event. The choir performs at convocations, graduation, and in special concerts.

The long hours of practice and tired voices are worth the effort when a performance goes well. The choir performed as part of the Christmas concert and was rewarded with much applause.



Marching Band

When the word "band" is mentioned, images of plumed hats, starched uniforms and in-step players usually comes to mind. However, the musical excellence that has become associated with the MHC marching band did not happen overnight. Many hours in drill practices and band camps are necessary for perfection. The band performs in the homecoming parade, at football games, and in concerts, proving that dedication is the key to a successful performance.



One, two keeping dozens of musicians together take much concentration. While the drum major is responsible for keeping time, it is also up to each player to maintain their places in the music and in drill formation.

Attention! The drum major leads the band in the homecoming parade. The marching band could be heard for miles around the Mars Hill community.



The colorguard is a new addition to the marching band. Here, Angela Morrow leads the colorguard members down the street in the homecoming parade.



For a change of pace, the marching band took seats on the Moore Auditorium stage to perform in the Christmas concert.

Concentrating on her music and footwork, Kathy Childs marches in her blue, gold and white uniform in the homecoming parade.

Partner dances are always a crowd favorite. These BMC performers show off their footwork at the Lunsford Festival.



On their Ireland tour, members of BMC were able to take in many of the sights, such as the Dunluce Castle, that the country had to offer.

1999-2000 Members of BMC:
 Melissa Jasick, Erik Crouch,
 Marshay Deyton, Michael Scrip,
 Stephanie Sprouse, Jonathan
 Robinson, Shamus Riley, Kim
 Fore, Aarika Cupp, Kelly Brown,
 Jessica Niblock, Wendi Langrehr,
 Amanda Dukes, Christy Seng,
 Bruce Aycock, Autumn Oliver,
 Tara Stockman, Mandy Austin,
 Meraldo Gonzales, Cheryl
 Renfro, Mark Clifford, Lovóna
 Freeman, Amy Panikowski,
 Heather Poteat, Matt Kozivk,
 Clay Vassey, Brian Staggs, Joey
 Trogdon, Jamie Balance, Josh
 Phillips, Sarah Kovak, Marsha
 Johnson, Christine Dillman,
 Carrie McLean, and Elizabeth
 Nebel. Not pictured: Jason
 Coleman, Ryan Risk, and Jay
 Ledford Advisor.



Bailey Mountain Cloggers



The Bailey Mountain Cloggers give a world class performance for a crowd in Ireland. The group's excellence in dance has made them popular all over the globe.

Great performance, ladies! The women of BMC pose for a group shot after their routine at the Lunsford Festival, which is held on campus each October.

The Bailey Mountain Cloggers have had a very busy 26th year as an organization on campus. In September, 17 members of the team traveled to Ireland for a week as part of a cultural exchange program. They were warmly received overseas and have been invited back to perform next year. In late October, at the National Clogging Dance-Offs in Maggie Valley, NC, the team's semester of hard work paid off as they were awarded their ninth consecutive National Champion title! The fall semester was capped off in Waynesville as Bailey Mountain and other nationally renowned clog dancers gave a command performance of the theatrical production *Mountain Legacy*.

In February, members of the team traveled back to Dublin to participate in the British Broadcasting Company's presentation of "Making a Difference," filmed at Belfast's Grand Opera House. In May, the team traveled extensively in England and Scotland.

Look for BMC at the end of every semester when they dance in Pittman Dining Hall for their finale performances, as well as the PE-188 beginner clogging class members performing for everyone as their final exam! Around campus, BMC is hard to miss with their logo shirts and jackets, and they proudly sport blue and gold "BMC" stickers on their cars.



Showstoppers

The Showstoppers are a very entertaining part of the theater productions at Mars Hill College. Each spring, students perform a variety of musical numbers and skits. The Showstoppers also perform at the Christmas concert. As a special treat, some members performed a routine at the senior banquet before graduation. Showstoppers is an excellent source of dramatic and musical entertainment, and being in the production of the program gives students a rich variety of experience on the stage and behind the scenes.



Dressed for the season, ten members of the Showstoppers group perform in Moore Auditorium as part of the Christmas concert.



Let's go over that one more time! Members of the show realize that in order for the performance to be a hit, everything must be perfect. Hours of practice made that possible for their April performances.



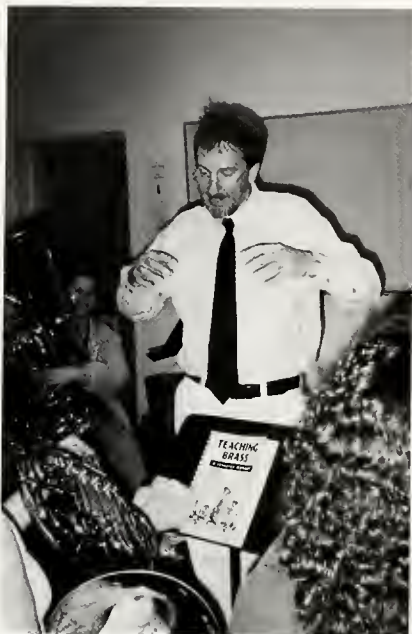
Emily Van Dyke, dressed as a flapper, strikes a pose at dress rehearsal. The night before the curtains go up is the last chance to correct any errors.



What was that again? One Showstoppers member checks his script to be sure everything is going as planned.

Nithena Young and Mariadela Perez wait anxiously for the curtains to go up. After hours of practice, they are ready to give the performance of a lifetime

OK one more time now. CMENC students take several classes which prepare them to be music educators. Here, a music professor gives valuable tips on teaching techniques.



These two young ladies tune their instruments and look over their music one final time before a concert. Being a music major requires much work and dedication.

Some CMENC members socialize after a practice session. Since students in the music program spend so much time together in classes, they often become good friends outside of class.



CMENC

The Collegiate chapter of the Music Educators National Conference, or CMENC, is a professional, service organization that is centered around students who are studying to become music educators. Founded in 1990, CMENC has served the college and community faithfully. CMENC sponsors Music Ed Day, where area high school students are able to visit the college for a day and see what it takes to be a music major. About once a month, the group invites speakers to come discuss issues that are facing music educators in the world. Last year, CMENC began sponsoring the Ray Babely Scholarship Dinner. The proceeds of this dinner go to an annual music scholarship.



Studying to become a music educator means that each student must become proficient on several instruments. Here a group practice session reinforces flute skills.

1999-2000 CMENC members included Chris Wilson, Judy Buchanan, Melissa Boyd, Nancy Butler, Idris Rasheed, Courtney Coren, and Tim Reed.



Beta Iota Omega

The Biology Club is composed of chemistry, biology, botany, zoology and pre-med majors. The club stayed busy this year under the direction of Dr. William Hutt, who served as the group's advisor. The club won first place in the homecoming parade for their recycling awareness float. The members also participated in two river clean-ups, a carnation sale at Valentine's Day, study groups, and constructed informational walls in the Wall Science Building.



20 Biology Club



Members of the Biology Club cruise with the "Millennium Bug" they created for the homecoming parade. The group was awarded first place for their environmental theme.

1999-2000 members of Beta Iota Omega include: Jeremy Cochran - President; Amy Panikowski - Vice President; Anna Williams - Treasurer; Dawn Dextraze - Secretary; Mary Herbert - Historian; Andrew Li - Photographer; Andrea Rockel - SGA Representative; Brian Dawson, John Reed, Alyson Willis, Mik Ishikawa, Stacey Mark, Lindsey Jeffords, Kelly Lee, Amber Bramblette, Lisa Stafford, Jeff Allen, Chery Ceffarelli, Jennifer Risner, and Sylvonne Cox.



One girl puts more cans on a string to help finish construction of the Biology Club's version of a VW heetle. The group collected cans and plastic bottles for several weeks so they could build the float. Of course, all the materials were recycled after the parade!



Dawn Dextraze and another club member work on the foundation of the float. Many hours of design and construction went into the making of their "millennium bug."





LION ATHLETICS

1999 Men's Cross Country Champions

2000 Men's Tennis Champions

1999 Women's Cross Country Champions

2000 Track & Field Champions

ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATION



Rick Baker
SID/Baseball



Kevin Barnette
Football



David Bennett
Women's Soccer



Lynn Bowles
Athletic Training



Tim Clifton
Football



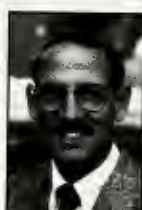
Beth Coil
Women's Basketball



Kelly Findley
Men's Soccer



Russ Froman
Softball



Dr. William Hunt
F.A.R.



Ed Hodge
Baseball



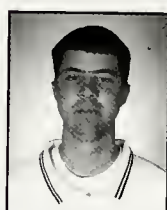
Michael Hodges
Athletic Training



Bob Kramer
Football



Linda Laughrun
Adm. Assistant



Paul Maxwell
Tennis



Sean McCabe
Lacrosse



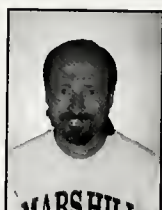
Chuck Phifer
Football



David Poinsett
Football



David Riggins
Athletic Director



Mike Owens
Compliance/
Track/Cross Country



Steve Roberts
Men's Basketball



**Jonathan
Sarratt**



Allen Shelley
Athletic Training



Bill Shook
Volleyball



Laura Timmons
Women's Basketball



Tom Tsika
Golf



Stanley Wheless
Men's Basketball



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LION FOOTBALL

1999 Results

7-4/5-3 (3rd in SAC)

Date	Opponent	Score
9/2	Western Carolina	0-59
9/11	North Greenville	53-0
9/18	*Catawba	7-34
9/25	*Wingate	37-7
10/2	*Newberry	51-14
10/9	*Tusculum	34-7
10/16	#1 Carson-Newman	14-41
10/23	*Presbyterian	14-35
10/30	UVA Wise	17-14
11/6	Lenoir-Rhyne	33-7
11/13	*Gardner-Webb	20-14

* SAC Games Bold = Home Games

Lion football had an impressive turnaround in 1999. After finishing 1-10 in 1998, Mars Hill obtained a 7-4 overall mark and a 5-3 record in the SAC which placed them third in the league. A focused coaching staff was determined to shine in 1999. They brought in talented newcomers along with determined returning players and excepted a difficult challenge...and prevailed.



Linebackers: Senior **Ronnie Bowen** (56) & Freshman **Khalid Abdullah** (53)



Freshman **Ricardo Broadwater** makes a tackle



First Team All-SAC
Sophomore Tight End **David Cassell**



Junior **Asinia Knight** & Senior **Corey Thomas** in pursuit



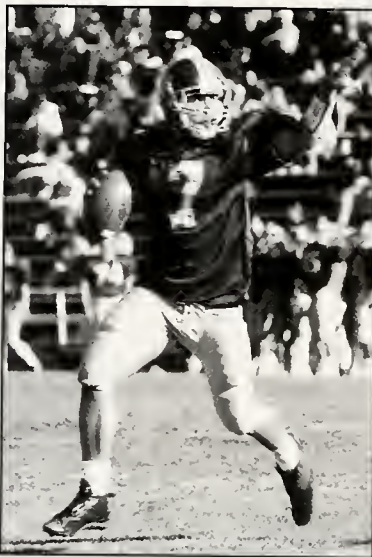
Senior linebacker **Corey Thomas**

Regained Respect in '99

LION FOOTBALL



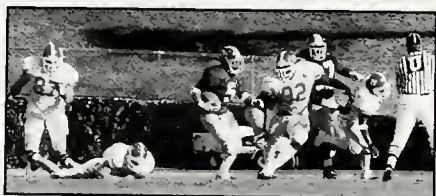
Freshman quarterback **Carlos Gatlin** looks to evade tacklers. He totalled 396 yards of total offense last season.



Sophomore quarterback **Chris Ridberg** directs traffic. He threw for 1,374 yards and 10 touchdowns in 1999.



A hoard of defenders make a stop against Newberry. Mars Hill was second in the SAC in passing defense and third in rushing defense.



Junior All-SAC running back **Terrance Stokes** breaks away on a kickoff return.



Stokes turns the corner for a score. He led the Lions with 12 touchdowns and rushed for 938 yards.



Freshman cornerback **George Williams** (left) picks off one of his two interceptions on the year.



Gatlin runs by defenders. As a team, Mars Hill averaged 186.7 yards rushing per game.



Cassell (89) and freshman **Andy Leigh** (66) open a lane for sophomore fullback **Travis McFadden** (9).

The football team was voted the most improved team in NCAA Division II last season.



Sophomore **Tommy Wolfe** (45) and senior **Ronnie Bowen** (56) lock in on Gardner-Webb's quarterback.

LION FOOTBALL



Juniors **Tennyson Rucker** (6) and **Terrance Stokes** (5) celebrate after a score. The Lions were 5-0 at home. Mars Hill scored 25.5 points per game.



Offensive line coach **David Poinsett** gives last minute instruction. Poinsett was a standout offensive lineman at the University South Carolina.



Ronnie Bowen & **Asinia Knight** makes a painful sack against Wingate.



Ridberg watches as **Stokes** makes another long run.

The football team had a great season and we hope for even more success in the future. The Lions were 5-0 at home this season, the last time a Lion football team went undefeated in Meares Stadium was in 1985. The 7-4 mark was the best season Mars Hill has had since 1994.

1999 AWARD WINNERS

Second Team All-SAC

OL - Gene Mullis JR
RB - Terrance Stokes JR
DE - Asinia Knight JR

First Team All-SAC

TE - David Cassell SO
LB - Khalid Abdullah FR
CB - Toy Williams JR
S - Omar Collier SR

SAC Freshman of the Year

LB - Khalid Abdullah FR

Daktronics All-Region Team

TE - David Cassell SO
LB - Khalid Abdullah FR

LION CROSS COUNTRY

1999 MEN'S RESULTS

WCU Inv.	Date: September 4
Team Finish:	1 of 3
Runner	Place Time
Adrien Cooper	1 28:48:00
Brendan Crim	2 28:53:00
Beau Rasnick	3 29:01:00
Ben Rasnick	4 29:57:00
Zach Moss	5 30:50:00

SAC/CVAC Inv.	Date: September 11
Team Finish:	1 of 15
Runner	Place Time
Brendan Crim	2 26:40:00
Jeff Jenkins	6 27:11:00
Beau Rasnick	9 27:30:00
Adrien Cooper	15 28:07:00
Zach Moss	17 28:25:00

Lenoir-Rhyne Inv.	Date: September 18
Team Finish:	1 of 8
Runner	Place Time
Brendan Crim	1 26:21:75
Beau Rasnick	3 26:34:31
Jeff Jenkins	5 26:29:24
Adrien Cooper	8 27:22:38
Ben Rasnick	10 27:53:09

Mars Hill Inv.	Date: September 25
Team Finish:	1 of 13
Runner	Place Time
Brendan Crim	2 28:48:00
Jeff Jenkins	4 29:44:00
Beau Rasnick	7 29:54:00
Adrien Cooper	10 30:12:00
Ben Rasnick	15 31:15:00

Appalachian State Inv.	Date: October 1
Team Finish:	5 of 9
Runner	Place Time
Brendan Crim	21 27:33:00
Jeff Jenkins	27 27:53:00
Beau Rasnick	37 28:50:00
Adrien Cooper	40 28:59:00
Ben Rasnick	41 29:05:00

N.C State Championships	Date: October 16
Team Finish:	3 of 9
Runner	Place Time
Brendan Crim	10 27:31:00
Jeff Jenkins	11 27:44:00
Beau Rasnick	13 27:59:00
Zack Moss	16 28:49:00
Adrien Cooper	29 29:39:00

SAC Championships	Date: October 23
Team Finish:	1 of 9
Runner	Place Time
Brendan Crim	2 26:15:48
Jeff Jenkins	6 27:03:08
Beau Rasnick	10 27:17:25
Zack Moss	14 27:29:35
Ben Rasnick	15 27:39:57

NCAA Regionals	Date: November 6
Team Finish:	18 of 27
Runner	Place Time
Brendan Crim	63 35:57:58
Jeff Jenkins	96 37:06:84
Beau Rasnick	107 37:32:27
Zack Moss	112 37:42:16
Ben Rasnick	127 38:16:05



Pictured (left to right):

Front Row - Ben Rasnick, Clayton Toney, Zach Moss, Rocky Oakes.

Back Row - Head coach Mike Owens, Student Athletic Trainer Todd Hardin, Karl Hinterkopf, Eric Smith, Beau Rasnick, Brendan Crim, David Young, Wes Lafollette, Adrien Cooper.



Pictured (left to right):

Front Row - Student Athletic Trainer Todd Hardin, Mitzi Carr, Becca Pizza, Stacy Mark, Donna Wilson, Krista Williams, Head Coach Mike Owens.

Back Row - Heather Levering, Dierdra Burton, Shanna Hill, Sara Swanson.

ANOTHER YEAR OF DOMINANCE

LION CROSS COUNTRY



Sophomore **Beau Rasnick**



Sara Swanson, Shanna Hill, Marta Edwards, and Yuka Nadai relaxing before a meet.



Freshman **Jeff Jenkins**



All-SAC freshman **Brendan Crim**



All-SAC sophomore **Mitzi Carr**



Above:
All-SAC senior **Heather Levering**.
Levering is also a student athletic
trainer.

Left (left to right):
Senior **David Young** and sophomore
Rocky Oakes.

LION CROSS COUNTRY

Right:

The men's team before racing at the NCAA Regionals in Spartanburg, SC.



The women's team displays their first place trophy after winning the Western Carolina Invitational.



Stacy Mark
SAC Freshman of the Year

The cross country teams maintained their dominance in the SAC. Both the men's and women's teams won their third consecutive SAC Championships.

In the women's race, five runners from Mars Hill finished in the top 14 as the Lady Lions edged Gardner-Webb University by 12 points (38 to 50).

Shanna Hill led Mars Hill with a second-place finish over the 5K course with a time of 19:55.61. Stacy Mark earned *Freshman of the Year* honors with a fifth-place finish (20:09:18).

Hill, Mark, and Mitzi Carr were named to the All-SAC first team. Heather Levering and Krista Williams were named to the All-SAC second team.

In the men's race, four runners finished in the top 14 as the Lions defeated Carson-Newman by 24 points (48 to 72).

Leading the way for Mars Hill was a second-place finish by Brendan Crim with a time of 26:15.48. Joining Crim on the All-SAC first team was Jeff Jenkins. Named to the All-SAC second team were Beau Rasnick and Zach Moss.

Mars Hill's Mike Owens was named both the Men's and Women's Coach of the Year in the SAC.

1999 WOMEN'S RESULTS

WCU Inv.	Date:	4-Sep
Team Finish:	1 of 4	
Runner	Place	Time
Mitzi Carr	1	20:11:00
Shanna Hill	2	20:16:00
Stacy Mark	3	21:02:00
Krista Williams	4	21:19:00
Becca Pizzi	5	21:46:00

SAC/CVAC Inv.	Date:	11-Sep
Team Finish:	1 of 15	
Runner	Place	Time
Mitzi Carr	2	19:44:00
Shanna Hill	3	19:49:00
Stacy Mark	6	20:19:00
Marta Edwards	13	20:54:00
Heather Levering	17	21:12:00

Lenoir-Rhyne Inv.	Date:	18-Sep
Team Finish:	1 of 7	
Runner	Place	Time
Shanna Hill	2	19:45:19
Mitzi Carr	3	20:09:58
Krista Williams	4	20:19:16
Stacy Mark	5	20:23:58
Heather Levering	7	20:32:91

Mars Hill Inv.	Date:	25-Sep
Team Finish:	1 of 12	
Runner	Place	Time
Shanna Hill	1	20:04:00
Stacy Mark	4	20:30:00
Mitzi Carr	5	20:34:00
Krista Williams	6	20:46:00
Heather Levering	7	20:48:00

Appalachian State Inv.	Date:	October 1
Team Finish:	5 of 9	
Runner	Place	Time
Shanna Hill	22	20:04:00
Mitzi Carr	30	20:31:00
Heather Levering	33	20:49:00
Stacy Mark	39	21:06:00
Marta Edwards	43	21:37:00

N.C State Championships	Date:	October 16
Team Finish:	1 of 9	
Runner	Place	Time
Shanna Hill	5	19:57:00
Mitzi Carr	6	20:12:00
Heather Levering	7	20:13:00
Stacy Mark	9	20:19:00
Krista Williams	14	20:54:00

SAC Championships	Date:	October 23
Team Finish:	1 of 9	
Runner	Place	Time
Shanna Hill	2	19:55:61
Stacy Mark	5	20:09:18
Mitzi Carr	7	20:14:18
Heather Levering	10	20:27:36
Krista Williams	14	20:48:81

NCAA Regionals	Date:	November 6
Team Finish:	9 of 22	
Runner	Place	Time
Mitzi Carr	25	24:03:82
Shanna Hill	41	24:35:35
Stacy Mark	53	24:53:91
Heather Levering	83	25:42:19
Krista Williams	87	25:53:07

LION SOCCER

1999 Results

7-14/4-4 (4th in SAC)

Date	Opponent	Score
8-28	USC Aiken	3-4
8-29	Less-McRae	3-4
9-3	Queens	1-2
9-4	Berry	3-1
9-11	Liberty	1-2
9-18	Morehouse	0-1
9-22	Catawba	4-0
9-25	Newberry	5-0
9-29	Presbyterian	2-3
10-2	Francis Marion	1-4
10-6	Carson-Newman	4-3
10-10	Tusculum	2-1
10-13	Gardner-Webb	1-3
10-15	King	1-2
10-17	Wingate	2-3
10-20	Montreat	3-1
10-23	Gannon	2-4
10-24	Florida Tech	2-1
10-27	Lenoir-Rhyne	1-4
10-30	Lincoln Memorial	1-2
11-2	Carson-Newman	1-2



Pictured (left to right):

Front Row - Neil Wagner, Ames Livingston, Chris Underwood, Andrew Schulz, Sean Patrick, Kade Kawaguchi, Andrew Kirk, Jeremy Jordan, Brent Turner, Andy Thompson, Head Coach Kelly Findley.

Back Row - Student Athletic Trainer Morgen Jones, Bryce Bunting, D.J. Jenkinson, Kevin Dekeris, Tom Morse, Kevin Wills, Greg Weigel, Craig Cook, Tom Bayliss, Greg Ruffino.



Senior forward **Andy Thompson** (above/right)



Sophomore midfielder **D.J. Jenkinson**



Senior midfielder **Neil Wagner**



Freshman **Craig Underwood**



Senior midfielder **Jeremy Jordan**.
Jordan was a first team All-SAC selection.

LION SOCCER



#10 Andy Thompson was the 1999 SAC Men's Soccer Player of the Year. Andy is the first men's soccer All-American in school history. He broke several school records which are listed in the paragraph below.



Jeremy Jordan prepares for a shot.



Neil Wagner receives a pass



Freshman Greg Ruffino



Thompson battling for position



Freshman Chris Underwood heads the ball

The men's soccer team competed under the direction of new head coach Kelly Findley. The 1998 SAC regular season and Tournament Champions were in a rebuilding year after losing 13 seniors in 1998 but still managed a great deal of success.

Even though the young squad had a 7-14 overall record they won four of eight conferences matches to finish tied for fourth in the standings. The Lions were knocked out of the SAC Tournament by Carson-Newman by a score of 2-1.

The Lions played a rigorous schedule which will only benefit their development over the next few years. Both the men's and women's soccer teams changed stadiums in 1999. They played their home matches in Meares Stadium this season which better suited the fans and players and allowed for night matches.

Senior forward Andy Thompson had another stellar year and was rewarded by being selected as the SAC Player of the Year and was a All-Region member. Andy is the first men's soccer All-American in school history. He broke several school records which included most goals scored in a single season (26), career goals scored (73), and most points scored in a single season (57). He tied the school record for the most career points scored with 170.

Joining Andy on the All-SAC first team was senior midfielder Jeremy Jordan. Senior defender Tom Bayliss was a All-SAC second team pick in 1999.

LADY LION SOCCER

1999 Results

5-14/1-7 (9th in SAC)

Date	Opponent	Score
9-1	King	2-3
9-3	Wheeling Jesuit	1-3
9-4	Birmingham-Southern	1-2
9-8	*Gardner-Webb	0-5
9-11	Middle Tennessee St.	0-4
9-14	*Wingate	0-1
9-22	*Lenoir-Rhyne	3-0
9-25	*Newberry	0-2
9-28	*Presbyterian	0-6
10-4	USC Aiken	1-0
10-6	*Tusculum	1-2
10-11	Brewton-Parker	1-0
10-15	*Carson-Newman	3-4
10-19	Francis Marion	0-4
10-23	*Catawba	0-4
10-25	Brevard	0-1
10-28	Montreat	3-1
11-1	+Wingate	1-0
11-3	+Presbyterian	0-4
*SAC Matches		
+SAC Tournament		



Right:

Senior Kelley Gutmann

Below:

Freshman Morgan Oehmann



The women's soccer program was very young and struggled as they are rebuilding their team. The Lady Lions finished the 1999 season with a 5-14 overall record and a 1-7 record in the conference which placed them tied for eighth in the league.

Mars Hill continued to improve as the season progressed. After struggling through the SAC regular season, Mars Hill won a thriller in the first match of the SAC Tournament against Wingate, 1-0 in the Lady Bulldogs home arena. Junior midfielder Andrea Stafford supplied the match-winner to advance the Lady Lions. They met Presbyterian in the next round and the Lady Blue Hose proved to be too strong of an opponent as they were eliminated by a score of 4-0.

Stafford and senior midfielder Diane Paleno were second team All-SAC selections for their performances during the season.

Mars Hill lost only four seniors off of this year's team and they are excited about the upcoming season.

LADY LION SOCCER



Senior **Carrie Hartman** moves past a defender



Oehmann looks to pass



Sophomore **Becca Pizzi** warms up before a match



Hartman Prepares to shoot



Pizzi (left) is also a member of the Lady Lions Cross Country Team



Diane Paleno (SR)



Andrea Stafford (JR)

Paleno and Stafford were All-SAC selections in 1999.

LADY LION VOLLEYBALL

1999 Results

15-19/9-7 (4th in SAC)

Date	Opponent	Score
9-2	Univ. Hawaii-Hilo	0-3
9-3	Hawaii Pacific	0-3
9-3	Chaminade	0-3
9-4	Peru State	1-3
9-8	Carson-Newman	1-3
9-10	Armstrong Atlantic	0-3
9-11	St. Leo	1-3
9-11	USC Aiken	3-1
9-14	King	0-3
9-15	Lees-McRae	0-3
9-17	*Wingate	3-0
9-19	*Catawba	3-0
9-21	*Presbyterian	0-3
9-22	*Newberry	3-1
9-27	*Lenoir-Rhyne	3-2
9-29	*Gardner-Webb	2-3
10-4	King	0-3
10-6	*Carson-Newman	3-2
10-8	USC Spartanburg	3-0
10-8	Rollins	3-1
10-9	University of Tampa	0-3
10-9	St. Leo	3-0
10-12	*Tusculum	3-2
10-15	*Catawba	1-3
10-16	*Wingate	2-3
10-19	*Presbyterian	0-3
10-21	*Newberry	3-0
10-25	*Gardner-Webb	0-3
10-27	*Lenoir-Rhyne	3-2
10-30	Francis Marion	0-3
11-2	Brevard	3-0
11-4	*Tusculum	3-0
11-12	+Lenoir-Rhyne	3-0
11-13	+Gardner-Webb	0-3
*SAC Matches		
+SAC Tournament		

The 1998 SAC regular season and tournament volleyball champions entered the season with five returning starters. Hopes were high that the team would repeat their success from the previous year but tough competition and injuries hampered their championship hopes.

They began the year in Hilo, Hawaii playing in a tournament losing four matches to very strong programs. The set back followed them home and they lost three more matches before they won their first match of the season against USC Aiken. Mars Hill began to play much better but the combination of a tough schedule and the loss of key players due to injury never allowed them to reach championship caliber play. The Lady Lions finished the year with a 15-19 overall record and a 9-7 record in the conference that placed them as the fourth seed for the conference tournament.

The SAC Tournament was revised this year from a double elimination event to single elimination. After cruising past Lenoir-Rhyne College in three games the Lady Lions met Gardner-Webb University. The Lady Lions season ended with a 3-0 loss in the semifinals.

Mars Hill placed one player on the All-SAC first team. The 1998 SAC Volleyball Player of the Year Nicole Silver represented Mars Hill on the squad.

Mars Hill lost five seniors off of this year's team but has a strong nucleus of talent returning for the 2000 campaign.



LADY LION VOLLEYBALL



Lady Lion defense goes into action

1999 AWARD WINNER
First Team All-SAC
 OH - Nicole Silver SR



Senior Lesley Bentzel



Pictured Above (left to right): Student Assistant Michael Robinson, Nicole Silver, Lesley Bentzel, Jennifer Anderson, Weilan Zhou, Amy Smith, Jen Wilson, Stephanie Pace, Julie Mayer, Chevonne Wilson, Tasha Painter, Kristen Shipley, Crissy Hollifield, Stephanie Caulder, Missy Gibson, Leanne McCracken, Tara Thomas, Christy Long, Student Athletic Trainer Tonya Roberts, Kelly Sampson, Amy Brock, Head Coach Bill Shook.

LION BASKETBALL

1999-2000 Results

1-25/1-15 (9th in SAC)

Date	Opponent	Score
11-20	USC Spartanburg	67-81
11-23	Brevard	69-84
11-29	Lander	47-84
12-3	USC Aiken	68-79
12-4	Columbus State	62-85
12-6	Brevard	65-77
12-8	*Newberry	65-87
12-11	Montreat	76-87
12-16	USC Aiken	63-86
1-5	*Lenoir-Rhyne	49-67
1-8	*Catawba	61-75
1-10	*Wingate	45-84
1-13	*Presbyterian	59-71
1-15	*Carson-Newman	57-77
1-19	*Gardner-Webb	79-82
1-27	*Tusculum	42-60
1-29	*Newberry	72-82
2-2	*Lenoir-Rhyne	50-60
2-5	*Catawba	64-72
2-9	*Wingate	54-71
2-12	*Presbyterian	40-64
2-14	USC Spartanburg	59-75
2-16	*Carson-Newman	86-75
2-19	*Gardner-Webb	66-110
2-26	*Tusculum	56-70
2-28	+Tusculum	50-65

* SAC Games

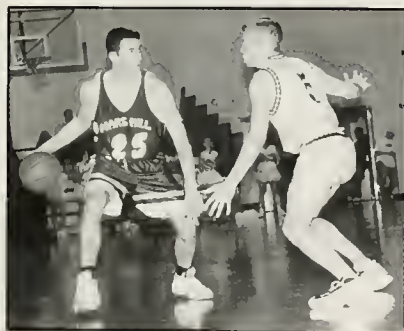
+ SAC Tournament Game



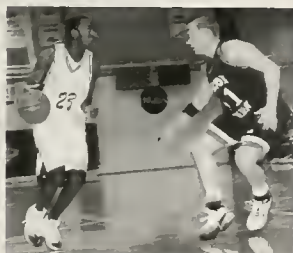
Pictured (left to right):

Front Row - Student Athletic Trainer Todd Hardin, Ed Romm, Chris Raysor, Head Coach Steve Roberts, Trevor Clark, David Delgado, Manager Megan Harris

Back Row - Assistant Coach Jonathan Bennett, Robeson Logan, Philip Heppding, Arthur Stoney, Matt Gissing, Donielle Davis, Edo Mlatac, Dominique Williams, Assistant Coach Stanley Wheless, Athletic Trainer Michael Hodges



Junior wing Edo Mlatac



Freshman wing Dominique Williams



Junior guard David Delgado drives past a Carson-Newman defender. Delgado also played on the Lions' tennis team.



Freshman wing Donielle Davis

LION BASKETBALL



Davis looks for an open man. Davis was an All-SAC All-Freshman team selection this season.



Senior Philip Heppding skies for a rebound in Alpine Arena



Williams on the move



Freshman guard Ed Romm makes a pass to the post



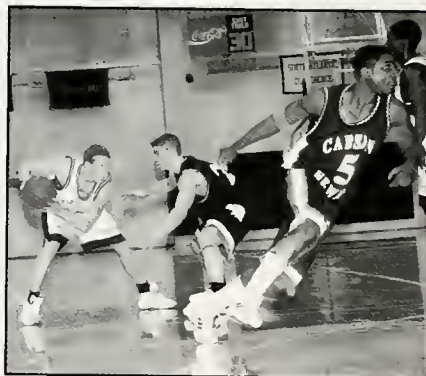
Davis snatches a rebound



Delgado breaks down the floor



Mltac drives to the basket



Romm looks for an open lane



Senior Matt Gissing looks for an assist against Tusculum



Freshman guard Trevor Clark drives to the lane

LADY LION BASKETBALL

1999-2000 Results 14-14/8-8 (6th in SAC)

Date	Opponent	Score
11-19	Coastal Carolina	55-67
11-23	Brevard	90-61
11-26	#7 Francis Marion	80-88
11-27	Anderson	93-82
11-29	Lander	77-85
12-1	Union	79-64
12-3	Converse	81-62
12-4	Winston-Salem State	64-80
12-6	Brevard	87-71
12-8	*Newberry	103-80
12-16	USC Aiken	85-99
12-18	USC Spartanburg	59-49
1-5	*Lenoir-Rhyne	75-94
1-8	*Catawba	71-74
1-10	*Wingate	58-79
1-13	*#7 Presbyterian	70-84
1-15	*Carson-Newman	73-70
1-19	*Gardner-Webb	76-61
1-27	*Tusculum	82-68
1-29	*Newberry	78-59
2-2	*Lenoir-Rhyne	86-82
2-5	*Catawba	61-76
2-9	*Wingate	71-74
2-12	*Presbyterian	62-71
2-16	*Carson-Newman	60-51
2-19	*Gardner-Webb	82-94
2-26	*Tusculum	70-60
2-29	*Gardner-Webb	55-78

* SAC Games

SAC Tournament



Pictured (left to right):

Front Row - Head Coach Laura Timmons, Denise Shelton, Kristy Ray, Brandy Carland, Misty Capps, Stephanie Hollifield, Assistant Coach Beth Coil

Back Row - Student Athletic Trainer B.J. Hunt, Katie Schneider, Shannon Davis, Mary Thomas, Maria Hickman, Serena Roberts, Tiffany Myers, Amy Keith, Holly Carringer, Manager Ashley Lefebvre



Sophomore **Maria Hickman** making a power move in the post



Junior guard **Kristy Ray** hustles for a loose ball



Sophomore **Brandy Carland** pushing the ball up the floor

LADY LION BASKETBALL



Carland picking up on defense



Carland feeds the post



Sophomore **Denise Shelton** draws the foul



Ray picking up the defensive pressure



Sophomore **Tiffany Myers** battling for position in the post



Hickman powers in for the shot



Ray spots up behind the arch



Myers looking for the lob



Hickman asking for the ball on the block



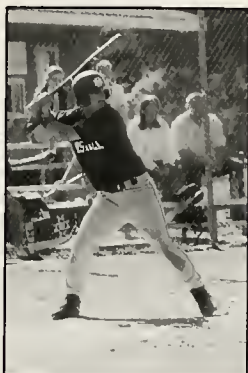
SAC Player of the Year **Shelton** looks for an open lane to the basket. **Shelton** was also a Kodak Honorable Mention All-American

LION BASEBALL

2000 Results

11-31-1/6-15 (7th in SAC)

Date	Opponent	Score
2-5	Armstrong Atlantic St.	3-11
2-5	Armstrong Atlantic St.	11-12
2-6	Armstrong Atlantic St.	0-4
2-11	Southern Wesleyan	6-3
2-12	Southern Wesleyan	4-5
2-12	Southern Wesleyan	2-1
2-16	Belmont Abbey	8-9
2-19	*Newberry	2-4
2-19	*Newberry	0-4
2-20	*Newberry	3-5
2-26	*Carson-Newman	14-9
2-26	*Carson-Newman	7-12
2-29	USC Spartanburg	7-2
3-1	King	7-3
3-4	*Tusculum	4-15
3-5	*Tusculum	7-1
3-5	*Tusculum	3-0
3-8	Concord	3-12
3-8	Concord	8-9
3-11	*Presbyterian	5-0
3-15	Grace	8-9
3-15	Grace	5-4
3-18	*Wingate	6-12
3-18	*Wingate	7-6
3-19	*Wingate	1-18
3-21	Kutztown	7-11
3-22	Kutztown	4-6
3-22	Kutztown	2-3
3-25	*Lenoir-Rhyne	2-4
3-25	*Lenoir-Rhyne	5-1
3-26	*Lenoir-Rhyne	2-4
3-29	Belmont Abbey	4-6
4-1	*Gardner-Webb	3-16
4-1	*Gardner-Webb	5-10
4-2	*Gardner-Webb	3-8
4-8	*Catawba	3-8
4-9	*Catawba	1-6
4-9	*Catawba	2-8
4-11	King	6-7
4-12	Southern Wesleyan	10-11
4-12	Southern Wesleyan	5-5
4-19	+Carson-Newman	4-5
4-20	+Catawba	11-14
*SAC Games		
+SAC Tournament Games		



Junior Catcher **Robert Beatty**



Freshman outfielder **Logan Flynn**



Senior second baseman **Keith Hatcher** turns a routine double play.



Sophomore pitcher **Josh Marts**

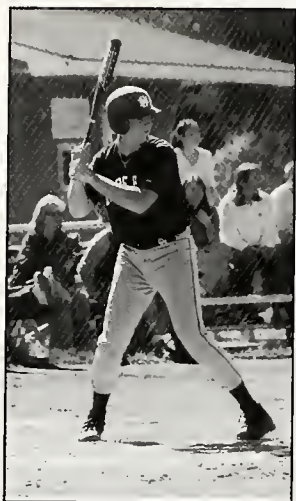


Junior pitcher **Wes Hardin** throwing a no-hitter against Tusculum



Hatcher looks for the right pitch

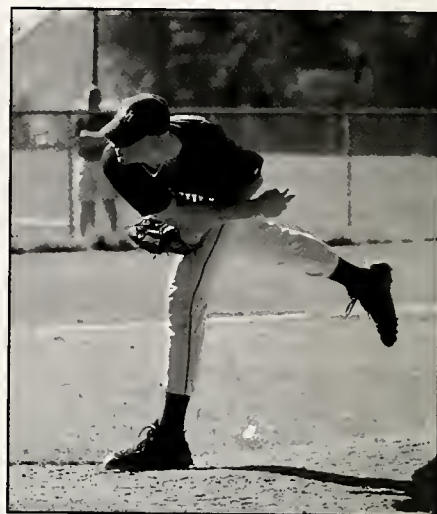
LION BASEBALL



Junior pitcher/first baseman
Greg Mulhollen



Sophomore shortstop **Nick Philemon**
throws a runner out at first base.



Mulhollen delivers the pitch



Sophomore pitcher **Josh Marts** delivers to the plate



Sophomore third baseman **Karl Ruf** is
ready for action

LION GOLF

2000 Results

Date	Event	Finish
9-13	Mountain Air Classic	5 of 10
9-22	Old North State Inv.	17 of 20
10-2	Billy Joe Patton Inv.	11 of 15
2-14	Bay Medical Intercollegiate	12 of 17
3-7	Richard Rendleman Inv.	14 of 17
3-13	Eagle/Persimmon Inv.	11 of 21
4-2	Camp LeJeune Inv.	1 of 16
4-10	The Cliffs Inv.	10 of 12
4-20	SAC Tournament	6 of 9



Freshman **Shawn Walsh** at the tee box



Pictured (left to right):

Front Row - Brian Hughes, Bobby Anglin, Jeremy Pressley.

Second Row - Shawn Walsh, Dale Lewko, Kyle Hoeght, Frank Martorano.

Third Row - Head coach Tom Tsika, Doug Chester, Josh Dodd, Whitney Taylor.



Freshman **Brian Hughes** knocks in a putt



Freshman **Shawn Walsh** follows through after a long drive.

LION LACROSSE

2000 Results 4-9/1-5 (5th in SAC)

Date	Opponent	Score
2-19	*Pfeiffer	6-24
3-2	Dowling	13-24
3-4	Greensboro	8-21
3-8	Curry	21-10
3-11	*Wingate	11-23
3-15	*Limestone	4-33
3-18	*Catawba	7-19
3-22	Wheeling Jesuit	15-10
3-23	Marietta	16-5
3-25	VMI	9-16
4-1	*Lees-McRae	18-12
4-8	*St. Andrews	12-23
4-18	+St. Andrews	9-17
*Deep South Games		
+Deep South Tournament Games		



Freshman midfielder **Ryan Sullivan**



Sullivan on the move



Left: Junior defender **Lee Mollman** keeps an opponent at bay



Left: The Lions put pressure on a VMI player



Sophomore attack **Jeff Miles** prepares to shoot

LION LACROSSE



In only the program's second season, the Lions lost to NCAA Division I foe Virginia Military Institute, 16-9.



Above:
Freshman defender **Richard Carrington** looks to pass.



Miles splits two defenders

Right:
A hoard of Lions defend their goal



LADY LION SOFTBALL

2000 Results

12-25-1/4-10-1

(7th in SAC)

Date	Opponent	Score
2-20	Belmont Abbey	6-2
2-20	Belmont Abbey	9-14
2-22	Montreat	4-6
2-22	Montreat	6-4
2-23	Lees-McRae	6-4
2-23	Lees-McRae	1-6
2-28	Milligan	3-2
2-28	Milligan	5-7
3-3	Lincoln Memorial	0-8
3-3	Lenoir-Rhyne	0-8
3-5	Coker	7-8
3-5	USC Aiken	1-6
3-6	Milligan	4-7
3-6	Milligan	5-0
3-22	*Catawba	0-7
3-22	*Catawba	2-1
3-23	*Lenoir-Rhyne	0-12
3-23	*Lenoir-Rhyne	0-1
3-25	*Wingate	3-6
3-25	*Wingate	3-1
3-29	*Presbyterian	0-4
3-29	*Presbyterian	2-5
4-1	Athens State	1-14
4-1	Athens State	0-7
4-7	*Carson-Newman	3-6
4-7	*Carson-Newman	2-5
4-10	Belmont Abbey	4-3
4-10	Belmont Abbey	2-5
4-14	*Tusculum	2-3
4-14	*Tusculum	0-4
4-15	*Newberry	7-7
4-16	*Gardner-Webb	8-5
4-16	*Gardner-Webb	6-2
4-19	+Carson-Newman	4-8
4-20	+Newberry	6-4
4-20	+Presbyterian	4-0
4-20	+Carson-Newman	0-4
*SAC Games		
+SAC Tournament Games		



Senior Laura Warner



Junior catcher Becky Morris



Head coach Russ Froman watches the action at third base during the SAC Tournament. Mars Hill finished fourth in the event.



Sophomore outfielder Ashley Barker



Left:
The team huddles for inspiration before taking the field. The Lady Lions' softball team set a new school record for the most wins this season.



Freshman shortstop Stephanie Caulder turns a double play

LADY LION SOFTBALL



Caulder awaits the pitch



Morris in action behind the plate



Junior **Sherri Estep** delivers the pitch while sophomore **Jen Wilson** prepares for a possible ground ball. **Estep** led the team in wins (7) and E.R.A. (3.07).



Freshman designated hitter **Leigh-Andra Short**



Caulder throws a runner out at first



Freshman **Deanna Hinson**. She eighth in the SAC in batting average (.362)

LION TENNIS

2000 Results

11-10/6-1 (1st in SAC)

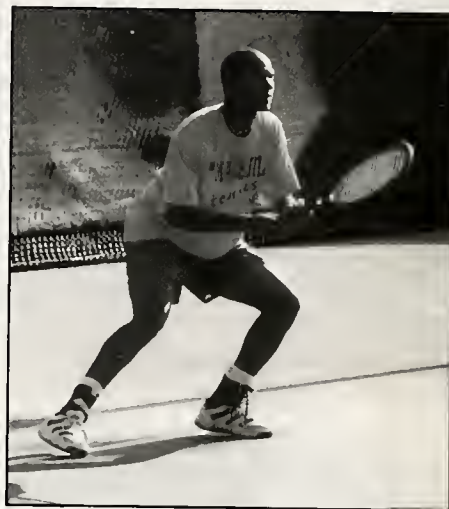
Date	Opponent	Score
2-17	Anderson	2-7
2-25	North Greenville	0-9
2-26	Lincoln Memorial	1-8
2-29	Virginia Intermont	5-4
3-4	*Wingate	4-5
3-7	East Carolina	0-7
3-8	USC Spartanburg	0-9
3-14	*Tusculum	8-1
3-18	Johnson C. Smith	9-0
3-29	Lees-McRae	0-9
3-31	*Carson-Newman	6-3
4-1	*Presbyterian	7-2
4-4	*Gardner-Webb	6-3
4-6	*Newberry	8-1
4-7	Queens	4-5
4-9	*Catawba	6-3
4-10	UNC Asheville	4-3
4-12	Montreat	7-2
4-19	+Newberry	5-0
4-20	+Presbyterian	3-5
4-21	+Gardner-Webb	4-5

*SAC Games

+SAC Tournament Games



SAC Freshman of the Year, Matt Barnfather



SAC Player of the Year, senior Jean-Francois Danican. This year was the second time Danican won this award. Danican is also a former Rolex Champion.



Senior Tony Jasick (left) and senior Ricardo Baena in doubles action



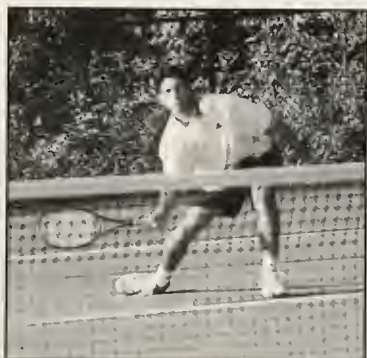
Freshman Piotr Miskiewicz

FIRST-EVER SAC TITLE

LION TENNIS



Danican serves at SAC
Tourney



Baena reaches for a low volley



Freshman **Ross Chapman**

Mars Hill qualified for the NCAA Tournament. Also a first in school history. The Lions' landed in the East Region as the number four seed. The tournament was played in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania on May 5-6.



Matt Barnfather



Freshman **David Blank**



In the East Region
Tournament, Mars
Hill lost to the top
seed, Bloomsburg
University, 5-1.

Left:
Jean-Francois Danican
Sports 149

LADY LION TENNIS

2000 Results 7-11/1-6 (7th in SAC)

Date	Opponent	Score
10-12	Queens	5-4
2-17	Anderson	9-0
2-19	Belmont-Abbey	3-6
2-19	Johnson C. Smith	3-6
2-25	North Greenville	7-2
2-26	Lincoln Memorial	5-4
3-2	Lees-McRae	4-5
3-4	*Wingate	1-9
3-14	*Tusculum	9-0
3-28	*Gardner-Webb	0-9
4-1	*Carson-Newman	3-6
4-5	*Presbyterian	0-9
4-6	*Newberry	3-6
4-9	*Catawba	2-7
4-10	UNC- Asheville	2-4
4-11	USC- Spartanburg	2-7
4-16	Milligan	3-6
4-19	+Gardner-Webb	0-5
*SAC Games		
+SAC Tournament Games		



Senior Kelli Herndon



Senior Leslie Gordon



Freshman Jennifer Duncan



Sophomore Allison Erickson

LADY LION TENNIS



Junior Emily Sowers



Erickson gets in position to hit a forehand

Mars Hill's women's tennis players had the highest combined grade point average of any women's tennis team in the South Atlantic Conference for the 1999-2000 academic year.



Herndon hits a backhand in action against Gardner-Webb in the SAC Tourney



Sowers returns a ball against Gardner-Webb in the SAC Tournament.



Leslie Gordon

LION TRACK & FIELD

2000 Results

Men's Results

Date	Meet	Finish
1/22	UNCA Inv.	N/A
1/29	Clemmons Inv.	N/A
3/18	UNCC Inv.	N/A
4/1	Concord Inv.	3 of 6
4/8	Carson-Newman Inv.	2 of 2
4/15	Cumberland Inv.	10 of 15
4/22	CIC Championships	2 of 9

Carolina's Intercollegiate Conference Champions

Jerod Durant - Discus (125'5")
 Bryan Bland - 110m Hurdles (15.97s)
 4X100m Relay Team (43.87s):
 James Taylor, Kevin Brooks,
 Lamar Parrish, Tim Lynch

Women's Results

Date	Meet	Finish
1/22	UNCA Inv.	N/A
1/29	Clemmons Inv.	N/A
3/18	UNCC Inv.	N/A
4/1	Concord Inv.	2 of 6
4/8	Carson-Newman Inv.	1 of 2
4/15	Cumberland Inv.	12 of 13
4/22	CIC Championships	1 of 9

Carolina's Intercollegiate Conference Champions

Kristen Shipley - High Jump (5'0")



Above: Freshman Stacy Mark



Senior Dewayne Thomas



Above:
 Senior Jerod Durant,
 the CIC Discus Cham-
 pion



Junior Krista Williams elevates during the CIC
 Meet. The women won the event.



Left:
 Sophomore Yuka
 Nadai



Right:
 Junior Krista
 Williams



Student trainer Morgen Jones, Stacy Mark, and sopho-
 more Dierdre Burton relax during the CIC Meet.



Right:
 Senior Dewayne
 Thomas, one the
 team Captains.

LION ATHLETIC TRAINING



Pictured (left to right):

Front Row - Todd Hardin, Laura Warner, Heather Levering, Tonya Roberts, Asuka Ogawa, Chad Dula.
Second Row - Assistant Athletic Trainer/Program Director Lynn Bowles, Anna Wheeler, Morgen Jones, Jessica Anglin, B.J. Hunt, McKelle Ulm, Leanne McCracken, Allison Fender.

Back Row - Michelle Lindsay, Brooke McMillan, Assistant Athletic Trainer Michael Hodges, Charlie Gunnells, Adrian Clark, Head Athletic Trainer Allen Shelley, Katie Schneider.

Not Pictured - Bryce Bunting, Nancy Becker



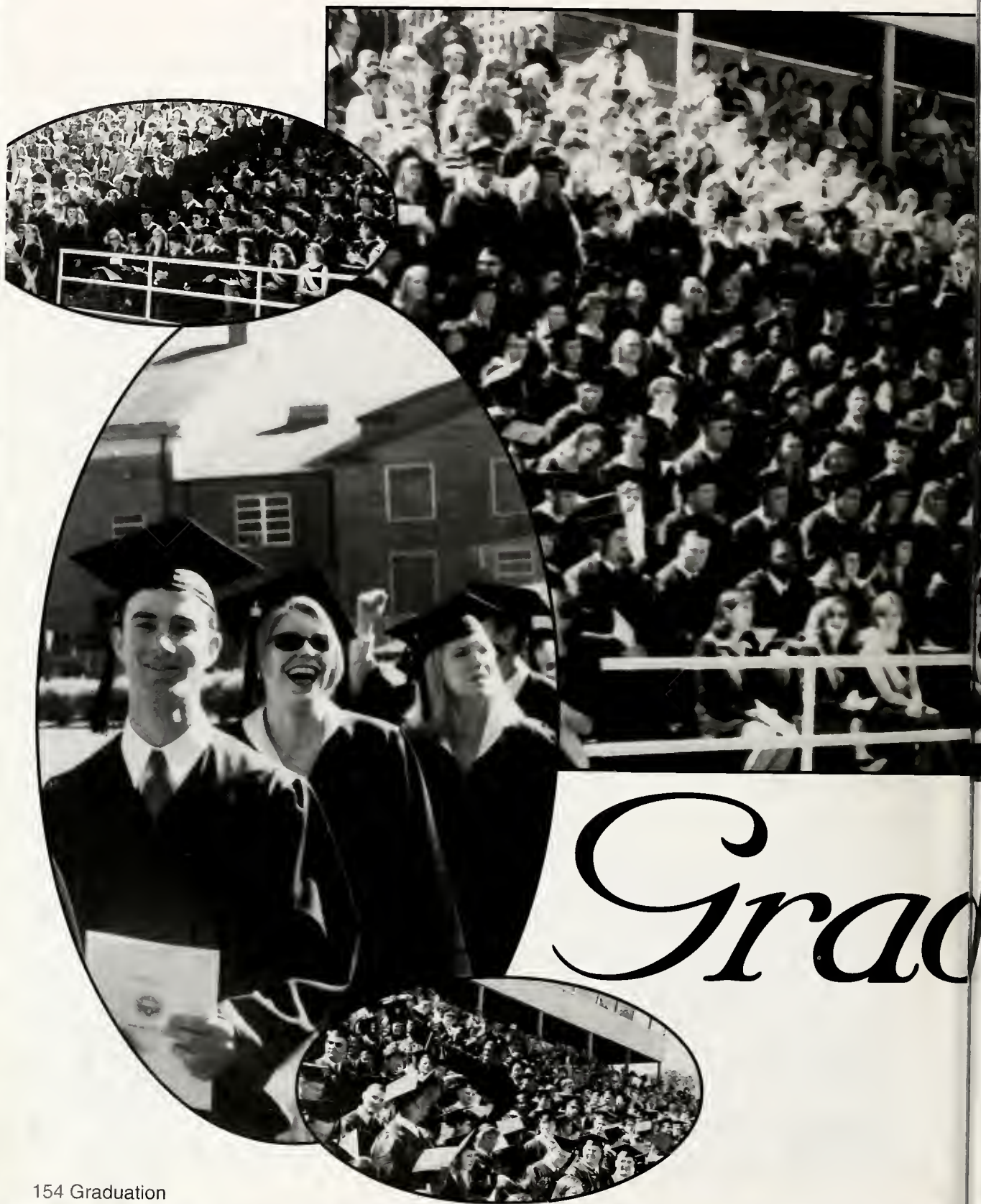
Senior **Heather Levering** tapes baseball pitcher **Josh Marts** before the SAC Tournament



Senior **Adrian Clark** applies ultrasound treatment to women's soccer player **Andrea Stafford**

Mars Hill College emphasizes the importance of wellness in each of its 16 intercollegiate athletic teams, seeing to it that each team has what it needs to compete successfully at the NCAA Division II level. An integral part of that is the Athletic Training Staff, whose responsibilities include, administering first aid to injured athletes and assisting with the care and treatment of those injuries sustained in athletics competition. In addition, the Student Athletic Trainers work in the training room, aiding in the prevention of athletics injuries, implementing rehabilitation protocols and performing associated record keeping.

The Athletic Training Major is for the student interested in the professional field of athletic training. The course work, along with the clinical experience is designed to stress theory, along with practical application, and provide the opportunity to meet requirements for the certification exam through the internship route. The National Athletic Trainers Association (NATA), founded in 1950, certifies athletic trainers. With this professional credential, these athletic trainers are employed by industries, professional sports, sports medicine clinics, hospitals, colleges and universities, and high schools.



Grad



uation

Anticipation, excitement, nervousness, sadness, relief, and the feeling of accomplishment were just some of the feelings that seniors were feeling on the day of May 13, 2000. Students were finally ready with the knowledge they had obtained through countless hours of study and preparation to enter the real world of work and make a difference in the world around them. Graduates now had that little piece of paper that could open otherwise locked doors to them. While some had plans for marriage others planned to put their career first. But whatever the case the time had finally come to graduate from Mars Hill College.

After graduation, seniors packed their things for the last time in Mars Hill College dorm rooms and apartments. As the last bit of four or more years of college was loaded in to the back of the car, the senior looked back down the empty hall they had just checked out of. But they didn't see the room, they saw a mirage of people, classes, professors and experiences that would always be a part of who they now were.

The senior turned away from the images seen in the hallway, smiling because they knew they would always remain with them through the years in memory. There was a sense of something complete about the whole experience. They had accepted the challenge of college and experienced everything it had offered. The people, the academics, and feelings would burn within them always, because now it was time for a new beginning.
-by Jennifer Horton



Mars Hill was
founded in
1856. With
hard work and
determination it was built
into the upstanding
institution we know today.
It was once a “beginning”
and now gives its students a
chance for a “beginning.”

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